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Awkwardness

Peril, a dragon only one person can touch, and that one person she was afraid to talk to. Peril didn't know why but whenever she was near clay she got all nervous. Okay, she knew why, she was in love. But everything just seemed weird. They had just defeated Darkstalker, and classes were back to normal, Peril was moved into the Jade Winglet after Carnelian died. She wasn't going to lie, it was kinda weird being three years older than everyone in her winglet but that didn't seem to bother anyone else but her. It was morning now and Peril laid in her cave which was sad and lonely, she was separated because of her firescales and she would sit in her cave until she heard the gong of the bells. Peril waited for the bells and trudged down the hall. In the beginning she would dodge other dragons but now everyone moved out of her way. She moved down the hall and into her winglets cave where she was greeted by Tsunami.

Clay woke up in his cave to the sound of bell and hurried down the hall to make in to his winglet in time. Clay was the leader of the gold winglet who still hadn't gotten another icewing after they threw icicle in prison. Clay did his usual routine with his winglet then had to teach a class on anatomy of different tribes, they were learning about Skywings. Recently, Clay had gotten the feeling that Peril was acting strange around him so he went to investigate at lunch. Clay approached Peril who was sitting in the corner with the rest of the winglet, which had become very close friends.

"Peril, Can I speak with you in the hallway for a minute" Clay asked.

"Sure" Peril replied as she stood up and carefully moved into the hallway with Clay.

"What's bothering you" Clay asked calmly with his warm thoughtful eyes.

"Nothing" Peril stammered "I'm fine bye bye" Peril said as she rushed through the halls away from him.

"Clay" Sunny said from behind him half laughing "It's obvious that she likes you, now you need to decide whether you like her." Sunny turned and walked away leaving Clay pondering the question in the middle of the hall.

Peril rushed through the hall into her cave and curled her tail in close, she had just embarrassed herself in front of her crush. She started to form tears in her eyes which quickly became steam. Peril heard talonsteps coming down the hall and hid her tears. Moon and Kinkajou walked into the cave and put themselves in the far corner.

"What do you want" Peril asked, with a hint of anger in her voice.

"To come and talk" Kinkajou said, "It's so obvious you have a crush on Clay, but you need to stop be so nervous"

"I Don't have a crush, hey did you read my mind" Peril glared at Moon.

"It's so obvious you don't even need to be able to read minds, and besides look" Moon held out a piece of Skyfire from her library pouch. "Look she said now you don't have to go running after Clay, he might come to you and If he does be ready."

"Wait, is that a prophecy" Peril asked.

"No, just a guess" Kinkajou said as the two dragons turned and walked out. Once out of earshot of Peril Kinkajou said "We're not telling her you got that from Clay's mind right"

"Yeah no, she will freak out" Moon said as they headed back to the prey centre for lunch.

Flying

Peril walked through the halls to her next class with Clay, which was hunting, and as she made her way to the cave a burst of wind hit her and she was covered in rain. The rest of her winglet soon stepped in only to be met by the same winds and rain.

"So" Clay said "Class is canceled so in you want to go to the library you can or somewhere else, just stay in the mountain, understand"

" Of course" Qibli said from behind Peril, "We wouldn't dream of leaving" and the rest of the winglet and Peril followed suit when clay grabbed her arm.

"Peril could you stay behind and come with me flying" Clay asked.

"I thought we weren't supposed to, I mean yes sure" Peril said, This is what moon and Kinkajou were talking about, now all I have to do is stay cool.

Peril and Clay stepped out into the breeze and took off from the ground and flew to the top of the mountain. Rain poured down on both of them but turned to steam of Peril.

"So, Darkstalker is gone." Said Peril breaking an awkward silence.

"Yea." said Clay, thinking should I ask her, is now the time. Should I wait longer. NO, his brain snapped, You've waited long enough. "Um... Peril can we land I have to talk to you about something."

"Sure" Peril agreed, thank the moons he wants to talk about something and I can slip my question in at the end, should I though. Yes she thought it's just him, the moment I've been waiting for, no ones here to embarrass me. "What do you want to talk about."

"I've been waiting a long time to say this...Peril will you be my girlfriend" asked clay hoping he get the answer he was looking for.

"YES" Peril cried, someone might have heard her if it weren't for the

storm. " I've been wanting to ask you that for soo long." And right there she kissed Clay and he kissed her back and they smiled. The new couple sat together on the top of the mountain for A little longer and they quickly scrambled to get back inside after a lightning bolt just missed them by a few feet.

"Peril" Clay said, one more thing, can we not tell anyone"

Peril wanted to say why, but she had just gotten with Clay and she didn't want to blow it now so, she said "sure" She really wanted to know why, was he embarrassed of her.

Clay noticed Peril smile start to turn to a frown and quickly provided an explanation "It's just Tsunami doesn't really trust you and I want her to get onboard with the idea so she doesn't do anything rash trying to protect me." Oh clay thought I don't know how well that will go over.

"Okay" Peril said putting her smile back on,"I won't tell my winglet."

"Thanks" Clay said as they landed back inside, They kissed one more time and Peril went to catch up with her friends.

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Party

Peril had started spending a little more time with Clay during the day and started coming for a minute or two after school. School was going great and a long weekend was coming up where everyone had to go home because the DOD were going to a party in the rainforest. Peril walked the prey centre on the last day before the break and sat with her usual group. She never sat with Clay at lunch because she didn't want to draw attention to them because their relationship was still a secret.

"So, I was thinking" said Qibli "Since all of our kingdoms are in the same direction sort of" he gestured towards Peril, Winter, and Turtle. "Why don't we fly to the Claws of the Clouds Mountain and then split from there so we have some company for the flight." the group sat for a moment in silence then.

"Not a bad idea" Said Winter, "Anyone else in"

"Sure" Turtle agreed.

"Yep" peril said.

"Great" Qibli stated with joy, "Lets leave 10 minutes after the last class so we don't fly in the dark"

The day continued on as usual and at the end of the day Peril got a quick snack and went to the top of Jade mountain where they planned to meet, once the whole group was there they took off and headed for the Claws of the Clouds Mountain. Once they got to the mountain Turtle left first and took off towards the Kingdom of the Sea.

"Bye" Turtle yelled from over his shoulder, "See in three days"

"Bye" Yelled the rest of the group from the mountain top. The group turned around to find a spear and each of their throats from three

sandwings with black skull scratched across their scales.

One of the sandwing smiles and said "You won't be seeing anyone in three days"

Clay drifted behind tsunami as they made their way to the rain forest. They were flying slower than usual because starflight couldn't fly as fast with no sight. As they made their way into the Rainforest they were greeted by Deathbringer and taken to the Rainwing village. They were taken to the royal pavillion where they found Glory waiting for them.

"Ah, you're here" Glory said.

"The queen isn't too busy for us." Tsunami said mockingly.

" The only reason I had time to be here was because Grandeur is covering for me right now" Glory said. " The party doesn't start for a few more hours so make yourselves at home."

The DoD made their way into a hut that was much bigger than most other huts and had five rooms inside it. Each Dragon got their own room and Sunny and Tsunami went out looking around the Rainforest as well as Starflight and Fatespeaker who made their way around the Rainwing village. Clay sat in his room for a few minutes until his stomach grumbled. He got up from his room and went to catch up with Sunny and Tsunami and find some fruit. Hope Peril is having a good time too Clay thought and he spread his wings and soared through the canopy.

Peril was not having a good time, she turned around slowly along with Qibli and Winter. There were three sandwings with spears and their tails ready to strike. They all had skull tattoos and Qibli spoke.

"So Vulture sent you for me, what do you want"

"We're not here for you" Said a Sandwing "We're here for him" he pointed the spear at Winter.

"We shouldn't say this" another Sandwing said.

"It doesn't matter" Said the first Sandwing, "Vulture told us to Kill

anyone with him"

Peril tensed up she usually was never in these situations with her being the Queens champion she didn't really get threatened by a weapon. She didn't think the Sandwings were much of a problem for her, but attacking one might cause them to stab Qibli or Winter. The guard in front of Qibli took one hand off his spear and gestured for them to walk. As soon as his hand came off, Qibli shot his tail into his other arm and he dropped the spear. Peril leaped onto her guard grabbing him the spear drove into her lower stomach but she fought through the pain. She had tackled the guard off the mountain and now was plummeting towards the ground. The Sandwing yelled and then became unconscious from all the pain. Peril dropped him and pulled up and watched his body hit the ground with a BANG. Peril Slowly made her way to the top of the mountain with some pain. When she got to the top she pulled the spear out of her stomach and looked up to see the other two Sandwings dead, one was stabbed in the heart, the other covered in frostbreath. She looked to see if the others were okay and Qibli had some claw marks on his arm, and then she saw Winter, laying on the ground looking at his leg, which was turning black. Peril looked at her wound and blood with gushing out of it.

Clay Was in at the centre of the Rainwing village waiting for the party to begin, and there was a band ready to play some music and a strange pile of berries in the middle of the crowd. Clay reached his talon over to get one and Kinkajou stopped him.

"You're here" said Clay with surprise.

"Yeah, I'm a Rainwing silly, I live here, I if you're here you go to the parties." Kinkajou stated in a Starflight Matterofacto kind of voice. "I know you're probably thinking won't the band sound bad, because Rainwings are lazy"

"I wasn't th" Caly started when Tsunami bursted in and said

"I was"

"Well, This is the only thing that the Rainwings usually try at so,

they actually sound good." Kinkajou said, "Also no Nightwings allowed except Deathbringer so if you see one tell them to go back to their village. Also, those berries in the middle are smoke berries, they make you hallucinate, but the people who eat them have a good time."

"Does Glory eat them" Tsunami said while grinning.

"No, me and the queen don't indulge, bye" She said as she made her way into the crowd.

Peril tried to stand on the top of the mountain but the pain was making her crumble to the ground.

"Peril, Go to the sky Kingdom and get yourself some medical attention, I'll fly winter to the desert and give him the cure to Sandwing venom." Qibli said, Winter got on his knees and lifted to the sky, he looked weak but he could still fly Peril hoped. Peril wanted to help but she really couldn't. She just stood there, she didn't want to leave them.

"Go" Qibli yelled from in the air as he and winter started flying away. "You need help more than Winter"

Peril watched the two dragons fly away and after a moment took to the skies. She flew for a while and was slower than usual from the pain. The palace was in sight and she barrelled ahead, she flew up the mountain and into Queen Scarlet's old gladiator area which Queen ruby had turned into a hospital. Peril was coming in hot, the pain was tremendous and before she could make it to the area she started to lose consciousness. She couldn't land as she crashed into the grassland. She tried to steer herself into a river and crash landed into the water. At least that's what she thought, then she remembered flying and crashing into the sand of the area.

Clay was having a great time at the party. The trees were talking and the monkeys were flying, okay maybe he had a few too many smokeberries. Clay was eating a lot of fruit and talking to everybody, The music was awesome but he still wished Peril was here, Clay hadn't seen Glory in a while just he couldn't really be sure. Clay ate a few more fruits then he threw up. All the

Rainwings gathered and laughed as he couldn't control the fruit now moving the wrong way.

Clay woke up in the morning somehow in his hut, he didn't remember going here or how he got here. His head hurt and he could still taste the vomit in his mouth. Clay walked out into the room to find Starflight writing a scroll for blind dragons and eating some berries.

"The rest of them will be awake soon" Starflight said, "You're bigger so the affects wore off faster, lucky you"

"How did I get to bed" Clay asked

"Deathbringer carried you like a dragonet" He answered with a smirk.

Friends

Peril woke up and expected to be in the sands of the arena and found herself in the medical wing in the JMA. Peril was confused when Clay came by.

"What day is it" Peril asked.

"Two days after the party, school starts again tomorrow." Clay said with a smile. "You were out cold"

Peril look at the ledge to her left and saw a small bottle, "What's this she asked" pointing to it.

"Someone needs to put these in the wound three times a day because they couldn't bandage you up." Clay said. "The wound will heal in a few weeks"

Peril looked down and saw the wound was still open and there,

"Peril, your friends are waiting for you in Moon's cave." Clay said "And Turtle already has another one of those bottles, this is a backup one here, he says he can touch you too"

"He can" Peril said shocked. Peril got up from the bed and made her way down the hall and into Moon's cave, where she was greeted by friends including Winter who was okay. Friends were great, and these were Peril's first and she just hoped she wouldn't blow it.

The next day Clay walked down the hall after his first class and had a break he made his way into his cave and sat down and went to take a nap which was interrupted by a grumbling stomach. Clay got up from his cave and walked to the prey center, he looked at the options available and looked at the open window, he ran back to his room and quickly scribbled something down on a piece of paper and left it in the middle of his room. He ran back to the prey centre and leaped out of the Window.

Peril walked into the prey centre at lunch and didn't Clay, she assumed he got an early Lunch and grabbed a chicken and went to his cave and found a note that said *Gone to Mud Kingdom be back before nightfall.* Peril rushed out of the cave and quickly told Starflight, after telling him see went back to her cave where she found Turtle waiting.

"What are you doing here" Peril asked.

Turtle pulled out the bottle of antibiotics "Clay said to do this here, he said you thrash even when you're unconscious. Just lay down and i'll pour it in"

Peril Got on the cave floor and Turtle pinned her wings and arms down. He slowly tipped the bottle over and it fell into the wound. Peril watched it fall and when it hit she thrashed violently. She flung Turtle off of her and grabbed the wound. She started to cry from the pain and before she knew it Turtle was hugging her.

"What are you doing" Peril asked.

"I'm sorry" Turtle said pulling away from the hug, "This is what friends do"

"It's okay" Peril now hugging Turtle. They sat their like this for a few minutes until Kinkajou came in.

"What am I looking at" she said,

"Just friends" Peril said.

"It's nothing" Turtle said quickly pulling away.

Clay flight was over and he had made it to Queens Moorhen's palace. He was going to visit his brothers and sister, but he also wanted advice from his only family. Clay landed at the front gate where he was confronted by a Mudwing, who instantly recognised him.

"Clay, a dragonet of destiny, what do you need" The mudwing asked.

"I want to see my brothers and sister." Clay said.

"Right this way" The mudwing said leading Clay into the castle, they went up a few floors and took a few turns and they were in a room. Clay was instructed to wait there and he did as told and sat down on the floor. After a few minutes his family came through the door. He was immediately tackled to the ground by his family. His four brothers Reed, Marsh, Pheasant, and Umber, and his one sister Sora. Clay got up from the ground and was asked,

"What are you doing here" said Umber.

"Oh, I just came to visit." Clay said, "Reed, Pheasant, Marsh what are you working on for the Queen."

"We are working on new rules for royal challenges so that one dragon doesn't have to die." Reed said, "It's harder than you think."

"I know" said Clay, "Sunny has already tried, Umber and Sora, are you still in trouble because of Carnelian"

"Well" Umber said "I'm not in trouble anymore and I next I'll come back to school next year, Sora can't leave the castle and has to check in with Bullfrog everyday."

"How much longer do you have to do this" Clay asked.

"Only 6 more months so I might come back to school next year with Umber." Sora said, she was a lot less shy when with her family and spoke clearly.

"We still have two open spots for Mudwings, I'll save them for you." Clay said with a smile, "There is actually one more reason I came" Clay continued, "I need some approval and advice"

Peril was chilling on the top of the mountain waiting for Clay to come back. She sat their alone until she was approached by Turtle.

"Waiting for Clay" He said with a soft smile. Peril liked Turtle, he was like Clay, soft and she could touch him.

"No" She said, she and Clay were still keeping it a secret. *If I raise*

my voice or have a reaction he will know she thought. "Just watching the sunset like I used to do at the Sky kingdom."

"Well, Qibli found an underground lake, if you want to come swimming" Turtle said.

"I can't swim" said Peril.

"Neither can Qibli" Turtle replied with a smile, "It's just a good hang out spot and there's a shallow end to learn how to swim. It's down the hallway near where your cave is, just follow the sounds of the water" Turtle got up and flew into the mountain.

Peril waited for 10 more minutes and when Clay wasn't back she got up and flew back to the mountain. She went down the hall to her cave and took a left, there were a few forks in the road that led to dead ends but see finally found her way to the underground lake. She walked in to find the dragonets playing, Turtle and Winter were swimming and splashing Qibli while he tried to swim in the shallow end. Moon and Kinkajou watched from the side of the pool, then Kinkajou jumped in Peril watched from the doorway until Moon waved her over and she sat down next to her.

"You're always welcome to stay with us" Moon said.

"Thanks" Peril said with a smile.

"What do you need our advice for" Reed said with a pig in his mouth. The Mudwing family was eating, and they were eating a lot.

"Well it's about this girl" Clay said

Umber started to say "ohhh" Until marsh hit him in the side with his wing.

"Who is it" Pheasant asked.

"Peril" Clay said.

"You mean the firescales that has killed over 100 hundred dragons" Marsh said the food dropping from his mouth.

"Well I don't know if it's 100, but yeah her" Clay said, "So you don't think I should date her"

"Well" Reed said considering it until Sora spoke up.

"Yes you should, you have changed Peril, I saw the things she would do for you, she betrayed the one person who gave her anything for you. Now I think you should date her if you like her, because it's pretty obvious she likes you."

Everyone was stunned Sora was usually quiet especially after killing Carnelian, but now she spoke with confidence.

"I agree" Umber said.

"Me too" said Marsh.

"Same here" Pheasant said

Clay looked over at Reed, he smiled "I think you should too"

Clay smiled "thank you, I have to go I promised to be back before nightfall he said from over his shoulder" But before he could get out the door he was tackled by his family.

"If you thought you could get away without a hug you're wrong" Umber said from the crowded group hug.

Clay wriggled free and ran out of the castle, he flew by the window of his family's room and waved back at them on his way by. He flew back to JMA and rushed into Peril's cave but she wasn't there. He wandered down the hall when he heard a playful scream come from a hall that was being expanded. He walked down it and found an underground lake. There he saw the Jade Winglet Peril included having fun. He wanted to tell her that he loved her, but seeing her this happy was rare. What he had to say could wait another day.

Winter Dance

A month and a half or so had passed since Clay's visit to the mud kingdom and he still hadn't told Peril he loved her. He had told her where he had been but he just hadn't gotten around to telling her his feelings. Now winter break was coming up and that wasn't only more stressful on the students, the teachers felt it too. Clay had prepare exams and he didn't have as much time with Peril. Peril also had to study and was spending more time with her winglet and especially Turtle. Clay had finally finished his exams but they weren't going to be written until next week. There was one study week left of school and Clay and Peril had barely seen each other all week and when they did see each other it was during a class. They had no alone time, and Clay was starting to feel jealous of Peril winglet. They spent all the time with Peril and it looked like Peril didn't even notice that they were spending no time together. Clay barely had anytime to himslef because all week he had to help the students who weren't as strong in anatomy until the day finally came, exams.

In the week leading up to exams Peril had barely seen Clay, so had been spending a lot of time with her winglet. She pretended not to care about not seeing Clay so the secret wouldn't come out but it was starting to eat her up on the inside. She had been studying a lot with the winglet and mainly just Turtle but exams were finally here and see was ready. Peril had to write the exams in Sunny's office with Sunny and Starflight. Sunny was there to write down the answers and Starflight was there so he didn't feel useless and so Sunny didn't give Peril the answers.

Clay had felt as though exam week had flown by and now there was only 1 day left of school and it was the Winter dance. Clay couldn't go to the dance with Peril because he had to be a supervisor and if he went with Peril it would give away the fact that they were dating. Clay spent the day of the dance setting up the decorations and still really hadn't seen Peril in a week. Clay just hoped that would change after the dance and he continued to hang up

steamers.

peril had finished all her exams and was ready for the dance, she couldn't go with Clay but she's sure they would hangout after the dance. Peril walked into the prey centre for lunch when the group was talking about dance lessons.

"Peril" Kinkajou said "Do you want to do dance lessons with us today"

"When" Peril asked "Also, who's the teacher"

"Me and Qibli" Kinkajou replied.

"Sure why not" Peril said.

"The lessons are after supper right before the dance so it's fresh in your mind" Qibli said.

Then the conversation turned into exam talk and Peril just zoned it out, she did not need to think about exams now, she wasn't really sure how her relationship with Clay was, or how stable it was. But she was sure that these dance lessons would surprise him and hopefully restore their relationship.

The dance was finally here and Peril walked a little after everyone, just so she could see what was happening. She had just came from her dance lesson and she did okay, but she didn't feel like embarrassing herself so she sat on the side for now.

Clay walked through the main hall which was converted into a dance floor. He was just keeping an eye out to make sure everything was going smoothly. The Rainwings had spread the word about what smokeberries are and Clay had to already take a few of them away. Tsunami said they didn't need a bunch of dragonets who didn't even know where they were. As the night progressed Clay started to relax and look for Peril, but he didn't see her on the dance floor.

Peril still sat on the side watching the dance happen Winter came over and sat next to her. Her and Winter never were alone together and never talked so they just sat there in silence. When the song

ended Kinkajou and Turtle came over.

"Why aren't you dancing" asked Kinkajou

"Umm, because I don't feel like it" Winter said. The next song was starting.

"Come on Winter" Kinajou said holding out her hand "I've got all night"

"Fine" Winter said getting up and joining Kinkajou.

"Want to dance" Turtle said.

"Um, fine" Peril said getting up they made their way to the corner of the dance floor so Peril didn't hit anyone and they started dancing. Peril danced with Turtle for a few more songs until the band said it was the last song of the night. Turtle went back to dance with Kinkajou. Peril started to head back to the side of the hall when someone grabbed her arm.

"Care to dance" Clay said.

Peril took his hand and went back to the same spot she was in before. They danced the last song then Clay had to go and greet some parents flying home with their dragonet tonight. Peril went back to her cave and as she was going to sleep some heard talonsteps coming down the hall. She raised her head and watched as a dragon entered her cave it was Clay.

"Peril" Clay said, "I love you"

Peril froze for a second then said "I love you too"

"Do you mind if I stay the night" Clay asked.

"Not at all"

A/N Read my other stories they're are connected and I'm fixing the time line.

Secrets

Over Winter break Clay hadn't seen Peril at all, he spent all of Winter Break at Queen Moorhen's palace with his Family.

Peril spent her winter break in Queen Ruby's palace, and although Peril isn't around much when she is, she is one of Queen Ruby's main guards. After Winter break school continued on as usual. Peril took her classes and Clay ran his, but at the end of the day he would meet her in her cave, which was the most secluded part of the school and sometimes he would stay with her all night. He stayed the night for the first time on the night of the Winter Dance, and now as school started up again it was a normal thing. When he wasn't in his sleeping cave he would lie and say he had to do something and got up early. They hadn't told anyone, and clay didn't like lying to his friends. Glory was coming to visit with Deathbringer and Riptide. They agreed that was the day, but Clay had a surprise planned. One day as he was walking to Peril's cave he ran into Tsunami.

"Where are you going" she asked

"To talk to Peril" Clay responded.

"You've been doing that a lot lately. Is she okay" Tsunami said with concern even though she didn't care if Peril was okay.

"She likes the company I guess" Clay said trying to sound like he wasn't hiding anything. He really didn't want to know, she would just freak out,he wanted to do it in a place where there were more people so he had protection.

Peril waited while Clay talked to Tsunami she waited but then out of the blue Turtle popped his head into the room.

"Want to do our homework together" Turtle asked

"Sorry, Clay is coming to help me" Peril replied, she knew Clay

would understand if she went to study with her friends, he'd be happy for her, but she wanted to see clay more.

"eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee Shouted Kinkajou from behind Turtle.

Peril wanted to say "Hey there's nothing going on between me and Clay" but she was afraid that would make it sound like there was something going on between her and Clay so she just smiled instead.

"Sorry about that, you have fun" Turtle said with a bright pink and yellow Kinkajou behind him. as they left she heard them say "Hi Clay" and then Clay walked in. Peril kissed him and went over to her sleeping area. She did need his help with her homework because she can't touch the paper. So as Clay was writing down her answers for her he said.

" People are starting to suspect us."

"I know" Peril said "but we only are hiding it for three more days."

"Yeah, but how do we even tell them" Clay asked.

"Well," Peril said, "I'll come with you and they will be like "Hey why's Peril here" and then you say that we're dating"

"You make it sound so simple" Clay said.

"Can I tell my friends" Peril asked.

"Yes, but after we tell Tsunami because I don't think Kinkajou can keep a secret and Tsunami will freak out even more if she hears it from someone that isn't us." Clay explained. "Okay we have to finish this work, until Glory gets here, tell no one."

Clay and Peril finished up the homework and Clay brought it to Moon's cave so she could bring it to Peril's classes for her. Clay went to hang out with the DoD and discuss who the replacement dragonets would be for the dragons who died or left and Peril went to hang out at the underground lake. When Peril was all done swimming it was nightfall and time for her to go to sleep. She made

her way back to her cave to find Clay waiting there for her.

The Moment

Clay and Peril had still kept their relationship a secret, and it's really hard for your relationship to grow when you're trying to hide it from everyone. Clay and Peril had been dating now for almost 6 months and he thought it was time for everyone to know.

Peril still hadn't told her friends that she was dating Clay but the moment was coming. She was going to tell them the day after her and Clay told the DoD. She wasn't really worried about keeping it a secret because she was pretty sure Moon and Qibli and Kinkajou and Turtle were dating and they hadn't told anyone, well at least not her so she thought it was fine not telling them.

The day had come. Today when all Clay friends were here it was the time for Clay and Peril to say they're dating. He was in the Prey Center with the DoD and Fatespeaker, which at this point she was basically a part of the DoD and Peril waiting for Glory, Deathbringer, and Riptide. After a while Glory showed up with the smuggest dragon in the world, Deathbringer.

"Glory" Yelped Sunny as she ran over and hugged Glory.

" If you hug me any tighter you will break my ribs" Glory said and Sunny laughed

" Squid-Brain" Tsunami yelled and tackled Riptide. "I missed you"

"Missed you too" Riptide said "Hey everyone" he said turning to the rest of the dragons watching.

After that reunion they ate dinner and Clay was getting ready to say his news, he wasn't really sure what to say and he didn't want to be the first one to say something serious after the dinner table talk. Luckily for him, the silence was broken when Glory said.

" Deathbringer and I are dating" she said.

" Congratulations" said the group.

"How long have you been dating" asked Sunny.

"7 or 8 months" Glory said causally.

"7 or 8 months, that means you were dating at the party and didn't tell us" Tsunami said.

"Well, we just started dating and we didn't want to say anything until it was for sure." Glory said.

"It was always going to be for sure" Deathbringer smirked.

"Enough" Glory said hitting him, "I'm still your queen"

The conversation started to erupt once more if he didn't speak soon, it would be just as hard to say as earlier.

"I know you're probably wondering why Peril is here, especially you Tsunami" Clay said.

"No I haven't" Tsunami said clearly lying.

"Well me and Peril have actually been dating for 6 months now and we wanted to tell you guys" Clay said.

"Okay so now everyone dating and keeping secrets from each other, are you dating too" Tsunami yelled at Sunny.

"If you're not dating and Keeping secrets why is Riptide here then" Sunny asked giving Starflight a high five.

" Fine, me and Riptide are dating" Tsunami said "And Starflight don't give her a high five. We all know you're dating Fatespeaker.

Clay did not know that.

"Yes we are" said Fatespeaker. Starflight looked down at his talons.

"Okay" Sunny yelled trying to calm the dragons down "It seems we were all dating and hiding it, except me of course. So, why don't we just forgive everyone if we all did the same thing. Again except me

of course."

"Fine" Tsunami said.

After the reunion it was nightfall and Clay and Peril went back to her cave, they were still careful about no one seeing them until tomorrow when Peril told her friends, but tonight they went to sleep with a little less worry about being found out which would wash away tomorrow.

It was the beginning of the weekend today so Clay and Peril slept in. Even though they slept in a little longer Peril got up and shook Clay awake.

"Clay" Peril said in a loud whisper.

"Yeah" he said in a drowsy voice.

"I'm going to tell my friends we're dating" Peril said

"Okay" Clay said falling back to sleep.

Peril walked down the hall and stopped in Moon's and Kinkajou's room to see if they were awake. Moon was still sleeping but Kinkajou was awake and waiting for her to wake up.

"Peril" Kinkajou said, "Moon's still sleeping" Kinkajou paused for a second then said straight into Moon's ear, "Peril's here." Moon shot up and looked around frantically, sweat dripping from her forehead.

"I'm awake now" Moon said laying back down in her bed.

" So I have some exciting news" Kinkajou said, "Glory is dating Deathbringer. She told me and Moon yesterday"

"I know" Peril said.

"Ohh, separate idea" Kinkajou said, "We should have a girls meetings where we can talk about girl stuff away from the boys"

"You mean talk about gossip" Moon said.

"I guess that sounds fun" Peril said.

"You guess that sounds fun, here listen to this. Me and Turtle are dating" Kinkajou said.

"Really" Peril said, "Okay this is interesting, my turn. Me and Clay are dating."

"So you took our advice" Moon said

"Okay, your turn Moon" Kinkajou said.

" Fine me and Qibli are dating" Moon said.

"Wow everyone is dating now: Kinajou said "Did you hear about Tsunami and Riptide and Starflight and Fatespeaker." Kinkajou said turning to Peril.

"Yeah I heard about that too" Peril said.

A/N I'm fixing my timeline so some of the later parts might not make sense right now.

The Question

Clay still laid sound asleep in his cave with someone shook him awake.

"Peril" Clay muttered.

"No not Peril" Sunny said, "You have a class to teach so get up." Clay quickly scrambled out of bed and headed for the door. "Also, before you go" Sunny said, "Starflight and Fatespeaker are engaged."

Peril was stuck in history class, because to leave you had to answer a question and webs had paired her with Turtle and neither of them knew the answer to the question. Every few minutes they would come up with a new idea and ask Webs and they were all wrong. After the Darkstalker incident dragons wanted to know why he was so evil. So the question was "What Started the Feud Between the Icewings and Nightwings in Darkstalkers time." Peril and Turtle knew that some icewing prince animus left the Ice kingdom to live in the Night Kingdom but they could not remember his name. After a while, there were only two minutes left in class and they didn't want this to cut into their lunch time. Then Qibli spoke.

"Webs" he said, "Is there an ARCTIC at the bottom of Pyrrhia like there is at the top." Qibli asked looking quickly at Turtle. Turtle slowly wrotes something down

"Yes there is some ice below Pyrrhia but not enough for Even Icewings to live on." Webs replied.

"Go give him the answer" Peril whispered.

"No" Turtle said, "We have to wait a second or he'll know Qibli gave us the answer."

After waiting a minute Turtle went up and handed Webs the paper right before the bell rang. As soon as it rang everyone dashed out the door except Peril who always had to wait behind not to burn anyone. Peril walked down the hall thinking, *I don't want to answer any more questions today.*

Clay walked down the hall down to his cave. Even though everyone knew he and Peril were dating they still preferred the privacy of her cave. As he was walking down the hall he ran into Tsunami who he stopped with his arm.

"Need something" she asked.

"Yes, actually, I need you to come with me to buy something because I'm not sure how much I can trust these dragons" Clay said.

"Very responsible" Tsunami said, "Let me tell Sunny and I'll meet you here in a minute." and Tsunami rushed down the hall. In a minute she returned and they took off. They flew over to the town of Possibility right in between the sky kingdom and Kingdom of Sand. Clay and Tsunami scanned the area closely for any talons of power, that could identify with black skulls. Clay and Tsunami already knew how dangerous they were almost killing Peril and Winter. The walked through the town and found a Skywing in the meeting spot.

"Eagle" Clay said and the Skywing looked up.

"Clay, those berries you gave me from the Rainforest sold super fast and some Sandwings even paid gold for them. Here you go as promised." Eagle extended his arm and dropped a bag into Clay's hand.

Tsunami had been keeping watch when a Sandwing with a skull tattoo on his shoulder walked by. "Clay" Tsunami said, "We have to go"

"Thanks" Clay said to Eagle as he and Tsunami started taking off. They lifted into the air when a Mudwing tackled Tsunami onto a rooftop made from bricks.

Peril had anatomy after Lunch today but Clay wasn't there. He must have gone again like he did when he left for the Mud Kingdom, although this time he went with Tsunami. After classes as Peril walked back to her cave she was approached by Moon and Kinkajou.

"Since Clay's gone can we have a meeting in your cave" Kinkajou asked.

"You mean talk about gossip" Peril said.

"If I say it's gossip can we go" Kinkajou pleaded.

"We can go" Peril said.

Clay dove back towards the building and when he landed a Skywing pinned him to the ground, a Sandwing emerged from the shadows and stood over Clay. Clay looked over and the Mudwing who had Tsunami pinned.

" Well, Well, Well. If it isn't the DoD" Said the Sandwing, "eagle said a little too much to the wrong people."

Tsunami looked at Clay and nodded slightly, at the same time they jumped up and escaped the dragons who had them pinned.

"I thought only Sandwings were part of the talons of power" Tsunami said looking at the Skywing and Mudwing who had gotten up and were ready to fight. Clay could see the Skywing charging up the fire. Quickly Clay got infront of Tsunami and spread his wings while the three dragons unleashed a blast of fire. The fire created a mask that let Tsunami slipped down off the building. Clay continued too block the fire until the Sandwing stopped his fire. The Mudwing and Skywing looked at Clay confused.

"Fireproof scales" He said with a grin. The Mudwing and Skywing looked over at the Sandwing who was dead with his neck slit. Tsunami was no where to be found.

"Looks like your friend left you" The Skywing said smirking, "Get him Toad"

The Mudwing leaped at Clay and Clay slammed him to the ground. The Mudwing was bigger than Clay but less agile. Toad leaped at Clay again and Clay slashed his side with his claws. Toad Sent a burst of fire at Clay's head and Clay closed his eyes, the next thing he knew he was pinned to the ground by Toad. Clay looked over at the Skywing who also had his throat slashed. Clay watched as Tsunami came from behind Toad. Toad followed Clay's eyes and saw the Skywing, then turned around to see Tsunami.

"Wait" He screamed, Tsunami didn't hesitate She lunged at Toad who kicked her away and fled into the sky.

"Do you still have the bag" Tsunami asked.

Clay looked down and the bag had turned from brown to Black and had a few holes, but the payload was still inside.

"What is it" Tsunami asked.

"I'll tell you later" Clay said starting to fly. Tsunami dragged him back to the ground.

"You will tell me now" Tsunami said, "I just killed two dragons for that" She pointed at the dead bodies. "Yeah we should tell someone about these."

"Okay" Clay said, "What's in the bag is a-

Peril waited for Clay to return at the top of the mountain, like last time she was sitting here Turtle flew up too her.

"Waiting for Clay" He said.

"Yeah" Peril replied.

"Dinner is almost over, do you want to come eat" Turtle asked

"Sure" Peril said getting up and fly to the prey centre with Turtle. Peril grabbed a chicken and as she sat down to eat it Clay and Tsunami came through the window of the prey centre. It looked like they washed themselves but some traces of blood were still on Tsunami scales.

"Turtle come with me" Clay said.

"But I just got Fish" Turtle complained.

"Bring the Fish" Tsunami said walking after Clay who had left the Prey centre. Turtle got up and followed them.

Peril wanted to follow them but she thought she shouldn't and stayed behind. She waited and waited and finally Turtle came back. "What did they want" Peril asked.

"Oh, nothing" Turtle said still eating his fish.

"Where's Clay" Peril asked.

"In your cave" Turtle said.

Peril got up and dashed through the halls down to her cave.

"Okay, Clay" She said as she walked into the cave, "You need to stop just leaving and te-" Peril stopped and her jaw dropped.

"Peril of the Skywings" Clay said from one knee, "Will you marry me?"

A/N The Parts After this might not have been edited yet to fit the new timeline.

The Wedding

"Ye, Yes I will" Peril stammered, running over and hugging Clay. Clay put the ring on Peril's talons and it didn't burn, "How" Peril asked stunned that the ring wasn't burning.

"Turtle enchanted it" Clay said, "That's why I was gone, I was getting this. Then we got attacked by the talons of power."

"Are you okay" Peril asked.

"Yeah it just took a little longer because Tsunami had to explain why there were two dead dragons." Clay replied smiling.

"Okay, I have to go" Peril said, "I love you but I need to tell my friends right now." She gave Clay a kiss and ran out of the cave. Peril ran to the prey centre but everyone was already gone. She ran to Moon's cave, and still no sign of anyone. Then it hit her, she knew where they were. She ran to the underground lake where the Jade winglet was playing in the water. Everyone turned to See Peril standing in the doorway.

"I'm getting married" She yelled.

It's been almost two months now since Clay proposed and School was ending. Again there were exams but none of them seemed as hard or as stressful as before, not even history. Again there was another school dance and this time everyone in the Jade winglet went with someone except Winter. The next morning after the dance the group met one more time before saying bye for the summer.

"Winter, why were you at the dance alone" Moon asked.

"Surely an Icewing of your position has a girlfriend" Qibli said mockingly, "Did you know he's Queen Snowflakes cousin."

"I actually have a Girlfriend back in the Ice Kingdom" Winter said, "And she might come to school next year to replace Icicle."

"Oh, What's her name" Peril asked.

"Lynx" Winter said.

"Well nicely done Winter" Qibli said still mockingly and Winter slapped him with his tail.

"Do you and Clay pick a date for your wedding" Turtle asked Peril.

"Yes actually" Peril said, "in a week from now on the top of Jade mountain."

"I'll count down the days" Kinkajou said.

"Circling back to the girlfriend thing" Qibli said, "Are we sure she's real" and as Qibli said that an Icewing poked her head through the doorway of the cave.

"Winter there you are, Sunny said I could find you here" The Icewing said, "Are you ready to leave." She looked over and saw everyone staring at her, "I'm Lynx"

"Are you Winter's girlfriend" Qibli asked and Moon slapped him with her wing.

"Yeah I am, Winter must have told you" Lynx said.

"Still think she's not real" Winter said in a smug voice.

"Oh don't turn into Deathbringer" Kinkajou said.

"Bye everyone" Winter said getting up and leaving with Lynx.

"Don't forget to visit and write to us" Moon yelled.

"Turtle" Tsunami yelled, "Mother is here"

"That's my queue" Turtle said getting up, "Bye"

"Well we should go" Moon said. Her and Kinkajou got up.

"Bye" they both said.

"Qibli" Sunny said coming into the room, "Can we leave now. My mother insisted we fly together."

"Bye Peril" Qibli said getting up. Now Peril was alone and she stood up, she walked back to her cave and was greeted by Clay.

"Bye" Clay said walking past her.

"Where are you going" peril asked.

"To tell my family I'm getting married." Clay said, "Want to come?"

"Sure" She said, "Then can we go tell Queen Ruby" peril asked, "She is the closest thing I have to family."

Peril and Clay flew to the Mud kingdom where they were greeted with family and almost a hug for Peril before Umber stopped Marsh. Then the couple flew to the Skywing palace where Peril and Clay talked to queen Ruby. And because Peril is one of Ruby's main guards she said she will even come to the wedding.

A week had passed and Peril was now in her cave stressing a little about her wedding, so didn't know why she was stressing. She didn't have any second thoughts but maybe this was normal.

"It's okay to be nervous" Moon said, "the important thing is that you go out there."

"You'll be fine." Kinkajou said, "I'm going to see how much longer until they're ready"

Kinkajou left the Cave leaving Peril with Moon and her stress. Clay waited for the wedding to start in his cave With his family when Deathbringer came into the cave.

"They're Ready" he said.

"Okay" Clay said. He walked through the halls and flew up onto the mountain. Queen Ruby was here with her guards, Glory, Sunny, Fatespeaker, Tsunami, Riptide, Deathbringer, Winter, Some Icewing

with Winter, Qibli, Turtle, and Kinkjou. Clay's family came behind himand took their seats. Reed was Clay's best dragon because he didn't have anyone else besides Starflight who was officiating. Clay took his spot at the front when the harp started playing. Moon quickly took her spot opposite from Reed and watched as Peril came down the aisle. Moon was the dragon of honor because Peril really only had Moon and Kinkajou and Kinkajou was just too much energy for Peril. Once Peril reached her spot Starflight started speaking. Peril and Clay didn't pay much attention to what starflight was saying. They just focused on each other. Then Starflight got to the vows.

"Clay, do you take Peril of the Skywings to be your wife?"

"I do"

"Peril, do you take Clay of the Mudwings to be your husband"

Before Peril had felt stressed and maybe some fear that this may not be the right decision, but in the moment she had no hesitation.

"I do" She said.

" You may now kiss the bride." Starflight finished and Clay and Peril kissed. Next there was dancing music and food. It was a party, the wedding was planned in the afternoon and went tell dinner but as the party starting slowing down the Jade winglet approach Peril.

"We have a gift for you" Moon said.

"From all of us" Qibli said. Turtle gave peril a box that started burning, she quickly opened the box and found a necklace. The necklace wasn't burning in her talons so she knew it was enchanted. There was a green gemstone in the middle of the necklace that was locked in place. The other side of the stone was red though.

"One more thing about this' kinkajou said, "Put it on"

Peril put on the necklace with the red side of the stone showing.

"Click that button" Qibli said pointing.

When Peril clicked it the gemstone turned and the green side was showing. Instantly, Peril was tackled by Kinkajou. Kinkajou wasn't burning.

"My firescales, they're gone" Peril said.

"But you can always get them back by flipping the stone." Moon reminded her.

Peril started to cry and for the first time the tears ran down her face.

"Thank you" Peril said spreading her wings to put the Jade Winglet in a giant group hug.

A/N A lot of editing and the parts are longer now

Summer Surprise

Peril and Clay had just gotten married a few weeks ago and they had been to two other weddings in the past few weeks. First to Glory's and Deathbringer's, now there's a king of the Rainforest. Then to Tsunami and Riptides. Peril over the summer decided that she wasn't going back to school and is a full time guard for Queen Ruby. Right now, Clay and Peril were living in Jade Mountain until the house they were building at the Claws of the Clouds of the mountain was done. It was a house cave so it would take time expanding all the rock walls to fit the design. They were building it with the gold Peril gets for being a guard. Peril four days a week flies to Ruby's palace. The other three days she stays home with Clay.

Over the Summer Clay didn't have to work because teachers don't work in the summer. Clay has had a lot of free time and started learning more about anatomy so he could teach better, especially since more students were coming next year. He was a little sad that Peril wasn't coming back to school because he wouldn't see her, but also a little glad because it would be weird teaching your wife. On the days Peril was gone at work Clay read scrolls about anatomy and visited the Mud kingdom. When Peril was here they flew around and had picnics.

Bout half way through the summer Peril and Clay went to visit Sunny in the Kingdom of Sand. Peril visited Qibli as well. Then they went to a party in the Rainforest and once more, Clay had a few too many smokeberries. It was Peril's first time in the Rainforest and she was really excited. She also visited Moon and Kinkajou and told them she wasn't coming back to school but would be living in Jade mountain for part of the next year. Next the couple spent a few days in the summer palace which was being repaired and talked with Tsunami, Riptide, and Turtle. Clay and Peril took most of these trips around the same time and saw everyone in a month. After the trip they got back home and just rested for a few days. More weeks of the same old things went by, Peril going to work and Clay seeing

his family until something happened.

Recently Clay and Peril got a moss covering for their bed because that made it more comfortable. Also, Peril had started getting stomach craps and that's why they got the covering so she would sleep better, because that could have been the problem. Then a few weeks later she started acting strange and secretive but Clay didn't want to pry and she wasn't telling him so he left it alone. They Peril stopped going to work and said that Queen Ruby had given her a leave of absence. Next Peril kept leaving mysteriously and Clay would search the academy for her and she was always in the student wing. Most nights Clay would wake up and she would be gone. Then one day Clay was going to the Mud kingdom and asked Peril if she wanted to come. She said no and he didn't think anything of it, until he came home.

When Clay came home from the Mud kingdom to find Peril sitting in the corner of their cave. In the corner of his eye he saw the moss cover which had a big hole in it.

"What's going on" Clay asked Peril, "What happened to the moss cover."

"I ripped it" Peril said.

"Why" Clay asked.

Peril moved aside and Clay's eyes widened. Behind her she had made a nest and carpeted it with the moss cover. Inside the nest were four reddish brown eggs.

"Are those ours" He asked.

"Yes silly, whose else would they be" Peril said.

"Is this why you have been acting weird" Clay said

"Yes" Peril said, "and I'm sorry. I just didn't know how to tell you."

"Thanks okay" Clay said, "Well what do you want to do now. I have to work, school starts in two weeks."

"I was actually thinking" Peril said, "Because school starts so soon and I have too stay with the eggs anyway. I think I'll come back to school for one more year."

"That's great but are you sure you want to leave the eggs alone." Clay said.

"Some people put their eggs in hatcheries. I think I can deal with leaving them for six hours a day." Peril said.

"Won't they hatch before the School year ends" Clay said.

"Well, that's when i'll stop school, don't you want me to come" Peril asked.

"If that's what will make you happy" Clay said.

"It will" Peril said.

That night Clay and Peril curled up next to each other, next to the eggs and thought about the year ahead. Clay could hardly sleep knowing in a few months time. He would be a parent.

A/N This is the first official year complete on the Cleril Story. Any parts after this mean nothing to the new story timeline unless otherwise specified.

Arrivals

Clay waited outside expectantly, the students were arriving soon. No one had arrived yet but in the distance he saw blue and green scales reflecting in the sunlight. Peril had decided to come to school again and Clay had strict orders from her to alert her immediately as soon as one of the jade winglet arrived. Since they had eggs, Peril stopped being a guard for queen Ruby temporarily so she could be closer to her eggs. Today Peril didn't want to leave her eggs until absolutely possible, so Clay would come get her when her friends arrived. Clay was also excited that Umber was returning to school, Unfortunately Sora wasn't returning and based on the way Reed explained the situation he feared Sora might never be allowed to leave the palace. As dragons approached he realised it was Tsunami flying with a green dragonet. Tsunami looked so much bigger now, dwarfing the dragonet like Kestrel used to do to him. *Auklet* He told himself as they landed.

"Clay" Tsunami said tackling him when she arrived.

"Tsunami" Clay said sitting back up, "And Auklet how are you"

"Very well" Auklet said, "I'm so excited to go to school here. Is Mink here, or Anemone or Turtle?"

"No" Clay said, "You're the first ones here, other than Fatespeaker and Starflight."

"How Peril" Tsunami said trying to be polite, "So sad that's she not coming back to school this year."

"Oh I forgot to tell you" Clay said, "She is actually."

"Why" Tsunami said then stopped herself, "I mean that's great, but I thought she was going to be one of Queen Ruby's guards."

"She was" Clay said, "But then she had eggs."

"Wh" Tsunami burst out, "I mean congratulations."

"Thank you" Clay said.

"Tsunami you had" Auklet started.

"Time to find you a cave" Tsunami interrupted, "Where's Fatespeaker"

"I don't know" Clay said, "Try the library or there cave, but the school living plan is right there on the podium in the great hall"

"Thanks" Tsunami said.

"Here comes Sunny and some Sandwings" Clay called, "Can you get fatespeaker"

"Yes" Tsunami replied.

Clay waited outside and as the Sandwings touched down Fatespeaker burst out of the mountain carrying scrolls neatly tucked under her wings. As Fatespeaker passed out the scrolls Clay starter to leave to tell Peril Qibli was here but Clay didn't see him in the group. He saw seven sandwings and since they now had seven winglets there should be eight sandwings including Sunny.

"Hey Clay" Sunny said.

"Hey Sunny" Clay said, "Where's Qibli."

"I don't know" Sunny said, "I think Mother said something about him visiting the Ice kingdom. Why are you even out here isn't this Fatespeaker's job"

"It is but she was late because she was watching her eggs." Clay said.

"EGGS" Sunny burst out causing all of the sandwings to turn and look at her, "What" Sunny whispered, "With who, Starflight I hope."

"Yes of course" Clay said.

"Why am I always the last to know things" Sunny said.

"I don't think Glory knows" Clay said, "And if it makes you feel better, here's something Glory doesn't know. Peril and I have 4 eggs."

"WHAT" Sunny said, "Where"

"In our cave" Clay said, " Peril's watching them now"

"Please can I come see" Sunny said.

"Yes" Clay said, "I was going to see her anyway."

"How nice to see you" Peril said when Sunny and Clay came in, "Who came Winter, Turtle, Kinkajou"

"None of them so far" Clay said, "But Sunny wanted to come see the eggs."

"Oh that's great" Peril said, "Maybe you can watch them while I wait at the entrance."

"Of course" Sunny said.

"You know if you want to go to school you're going to have to leave them." Clay said.

"Yes and I want the first time I leave them now for them to be safe" Peril said.

Peril waited and waited at the entrance of the mountain and the only dragon from the Jade mountain that arrived from the jade winglet was Umber. Peril didn't really know him though since he left before Peril really became part of the group. Glory arrived with the Nightwings and Rainwings but neither Moon or Kinkajou came with her. She said something about them visiting the ice kingdom. Clay also talked with Glory and told her about the eggs. Glory came to see them along with Deathbringer but rushed away quickly to the Ice kingdom.

Peril waited again the next day and the only person that Peril knew

that showed up was that Icewing Lynx that Winter came to their Wedding with. Other than her having a strange feeling when she awoke that quickly went away nothing really happened that day. It wasn't until the next day that Peril finally saw someone she knew. She was waiting at the peak of the mountain when she saw a wing of dragons approaching in the distance, but after a quick glance she saw unfamiliar scales and decided to head back inside the mountain. She made her way into her cave and wrapped her tail around her nest she constructed out of she branches. She laid her head down on the rock of the cave and pulled the new rug closer so she could rest her head on it.

"Hellooooo" Qibli said walking into the cave and abruptly coming to a stop, so much so that the dragons behind him bumped into him. Peril looked up and stumbling into the caves after Qibli was Moon, Kinkajou, and Turtle.

"EEEEEEEE" Kinkajou screamed running over to Peril. She reached down to pick up one of the eggs and Peril involuntarily snapped at her talons.

"Sorry" Peril said.

"Is it a mother thing" Qibli said.

"Yes" Peril replied.

"Do you want to come swimming" Turtle asked.

"Or would you rather stay with your eggs" Kinkajou said.

"Eggs" Peril said.

"Where's Clay" Turtle asked.

"Preparing for the next school year." Peril replied.

"Knowing Clay that might take him all day" Moon said.

"I'll stay with you" Turtle said, "The rest of you go swimming."

As they sat there Turtle told Peril all about the battle of the beach

and the new continent and the mysterious dragons. He described the different tribes there and she was slightly sad that she didn't see them for herself but Turtle assured her that they would be back.

Clay was very ready for school to start and the pantalans showing up right before the year started almost threw a wrench in his plans, but luckily for him they weren't staying. He had prepared some lesson plans on anatomy based on the age of the dragonets he was teaching, also he was teaching hunting and some dragon studies classes. Starflight was going to have his hands full this year, he thought that some of the students needed more advanced math and science classes and even though he wouldn't teach all of them he still needed to make the class plans for the lessons. Over the next few weeks he thought his classes were going well and he had created a whole new plan for the pantalans in case they came back. Tsunami mocked his efforts but in two weeks when 10 dragons showed up to his anatomy class he was prepared. Also in his first few weeks Clay had found time for a conversation with Umber.

"So she's not coming back" Clay said.

"No" Umber said, "She's lucky the queen didn't kill her. They're starting to see it a lot with soldiers, there stress and fear from the war making it hard for them to live normally and Queen Moorhen wanted to show that she cared about her soldiers. I think some mudwings are writing a scroll on it."

"Then I guarantee Starflight will have it the moment it comes out" Clay said, "What about Marsh, is he coming back"

"Actually, I've been meaning to tell you" Umber said, "Marsh is gone."

A/N Read my other stories, also this is the beginning of the second year of Cleril.

School Problems

Peril was having fun at school. She was very glad that she decided to come back and not just siting her cave all day. After school Moon and Kinkajou would come and have their girls meeting while still keeping an eye on the eggs. Whenever the group went to the lake at least one person would stay with her or even watch the eggs if Clay wasn't there so she could go swimming. She didn't actually think that something would happen to the eggs, but she thought it was better safe than sorry. As the first few weeks passed she could see Winter trying to include his girlfriend Lynx in their friend group. Peril didn't mind her, she liked her more than Winter and she found Lynx in her cave at one of their girls meetings. A few days later the Pantalans arrived and came into their advisor meeting and the blue one with four wings was almost as beautiful as Clay. For the first two or three days after the pantalans arrived they didn't really join the friend group, but after they got familiar with the school Moon and Kinkajou tried to get Cricket in their group. That day after class Peril quickly went back to her cave and curled up with her eggs.

"Want to go swimming" Kinkajou said.

"With the pantalans" Moon added from behind Kinkajou.

"Actually maybe not" Cricket said, "I have to watch Bumblebee, Willow and Sundew are going somewhere."

"Then bring Bumblebee here" Kinkajou said, "We can watch the eggs and Bumblebee here"

"I go get Bumblebee" Cricket said.

"And I'll go get Lynx" Kinkajou said.

"This is my cave" Peril said as everyone left, Moon came in and sat down near Peril.

"Are you worried about a dragonet near the eggs." Moon asked seeing Peril looking around nervously.

"I'm worried what Clay will think if a bit a little baby dragonet." Peril said.

"Cwicket" Bumblebee complained, "Where we go"

"Oh my moons" Peril said.

Bumblebee was actually well behaved, but at the beginning Peril was a little worried. Bumblebee was stumbling around the cave and tripped on Peril's tail and almost landed on the eggs but Moon caught her. Bumblebee started to get a little rowdy, but when Bumblebee realised that Kinkajou could change colours she couldn't stop laughing and giggling. By the end of the evening Bumblebee had given them all names; Peril's was "cowlyface", Lynx's was "sprkl",Moon's was "Oon", and Kinkajou's was "kikagoo". Lucky Moon and Kinkajou that their nickname actually sounded like their name.

Two weeks after the pantalans arrived Clay thought school was going smoothly. His classes were going well and now Clay felt he understood his material better. He thought everything was fine until one morning Tsunami came to him fuming.

"Clay we have a problem" Tsunami said.

"Problem" Clay echoed half chewing on a chicken.

"Yes" Tsunami said, "Riptide thought of this new system where instead of him making sure every dragon is here the older students do it for us then come report to us, like the scouts for a military."

"Military" Clay echoed still a little confused about the problem part.

"Well anyway" Tsunami continued, "I went this morning to tell the Jade winglet and I found Lynx in Winter's bed, and Qibli wasn't in the cave."

"Min mis med" Clay said mid bite.

"Clay this is serious stop eating" Tsunami said, "I found Lynx in Winter's bed, like she wassleeping with him and Qibli was no where to be found."

"Why would Qibli be sleeping with Winter" Clay said.

"Because they're cavemates" Tsunami said, "SO, I think the Jade winglet is up to something."

"What do you think Lynx and Winter were doing" Clay asked.

"Do I need to say it" Tsunami said, "You know the thing that you do and then you become withegg, do you want one of our students to be with egg."

"Peril is" Clay said.

"And Peril is a dragon and the rest are dragonets" Tsunami said, "I think they're up to somethingand I'm going to find out."

"Okay" Clay said, "Why did you want to talk to me"

"You are worse than Riptide about this" Tsunami growled walking away. Clay started to walk down the hall towards his classroom when Sunny stopped him.

"Clay there's a problem." Sunny said.

"Another one" Clay sighed, "I have a class"

"You do know there's no classes today." Sunny said.

"Since when are there days with no classes" Clay said.

"Since the beginning of the year" Sunny replied, "Every seven days there's one day off to give the students a break and encourage bonding between the tribes."

"Really" Clay said surprised, "Anyway what's your problem"

"Some students snuck into the closed part of the school." Sunny

said.

"The closed part" Clay said confused.

"Near the battle training room" Sunny said, "The giant room with snow."

"Oh" Clay said, "There's mud in there. How do you know students snuck in."

"Because they left talonprints in the snow" Sunny said, "Follow me"

"Wow" Clay said walking into the room, "Why is this closed. It seems finished."

"I'm not sure exactly" Sunny said, "I just don't think it's ready."

"What more does it need" Clay asked, "It's perfect. Mud, sand, sea. Everything to make the dragonets feel at home."

"Well" Sunny said, "I think maybe we need to take some more precaution. I don't know but I think we might need some supervision. I don't know if it's safe for the dragonet's to be here alone."

"What could happen" Clay said.

"I don't know, someone get's stuck in the mud or drowns by the ocean or freezes in the snow." Sunny said.

"Okay" Clay said, "You've really thought about. Maybe we keep it closed until we get some more teachers. Starflight was talking about getting some extra help. What's this room called anyway."

"I'm not sure yet" Sunny said, "That's one of the reasons the room hasn't opened yet."

"Who do you think came in here last night" Clay asked.

"What" Sunny said.

"You said some students snuck in here last night" Clay reminded

her, "I mean there is no door, maybe we should get a door."

"There is still a sign down the tunnel" Sunny said, "Tsunami was grumbling earlier about the Jade winglet, do you think it was them."

"I'm not sure" Clay said, "But Tsunami seems pretty mad."

Something was off and Peril could feel it. Today they didn't have any classes and Clay was watching the eggs so Peril went and hung out with her friends in the prey centre but Qibli noticed what Peril did.

"I think Tsunami's watching us" Qibli whispered and the group fell silent, "Everyone don't look"

"What should we do" WInter said.

"Why is she watching us" Cricket asked.

"Well we miiight have snuck into a part of the school we shouldn't have" Umber said.

"Or that she caught Lynx in Winter's cave" Moon said.

"What" Cricket said.

"Anyway" Qibli said, 'I think we need a more secluded location."

"Where, the lake" Lynx said.

"I think it's better than here" Moon said, "Also, where's Willow."

"Spending the day with Sundew" Cricket said.

"She's leaving tomorrow back to Pantala for a little bit." Blue said.

"Who will watch Bumblebee during the day" Kinkajou asked.

"I don't know but Tsunami said she would figure it out" Cricket said.

"Can we leave now" Turtle said, "Tsunami's starting to freak me out."

The next day during Lunch the Jade winglet went to their usual spot.

Qibli sat down and quickly scanned the prey centre, "Tsunami was lurking outside our caves last night"

"She definitely suspects something" Winter added.

"Who's watching Bumblebee" Moon asked.

"Riptide" Cricket said.

"Poor Riptide" Winter said.

"Why" Cricket said, "Bumblebee is a very well behaved dragonet."

"Is she though" Peril said.

"I think energetic is the right word" Blue said.

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Dragonet Sitting

The week was coming to an end and to Clay's surprise they had a break coming up. Right now Riptide was dragonet sitting Bumblebee but Tsunami and Riptide were taking the opportunity to go back to the kingdom of the sea and see their eggs. So Tsunami asked Clay and Peril and Fatespeaker and Starflight to watch Bumblebee because the Pantalans were going to the Kingdom of Sand for a full moon festival. After teaching some anatomy to the Diamond Winglet, Clay headed back to Peril's cave to watch the eggs and wait for her.

"Finally Break" Winter said walking out of the history cave, "Are we going swimming"

"Of course" Kinkajou said.

"You'll go get Lynx" Qibli said.

"Haha" Winter grumbled.

"I'm so excited for the Full Moon festival" Cricket said, "I've read every scroll about them in the library."

"All two scrolls" Blue said.

"So" Cricket said, "I still read them all"

"What festival" Peril said.

"Oh" Kinkajou said, "I forgot you wren't invited."

"We just didn't think you would want to leave the eggs." Moon said.

"but if you want to you can definitely come" Qibli said.

"I don't know" Peril said, "I think I should stay with the eggs"

"I think you should come" Turtle said, "Now's your chance you're not going to have more time once the eggs come."

"That's true" Peril said, "Then I will see you there, when do we leave."

"Tomorrow morning" Umber said.

"For some reason Qibli wants to travel in two groups to see which is faster" Moon said.

"I'm very excited to see this magic tunnel" Cricket said.

"What aren't you excited about" Umber asked.

"If you went to Pantala you'd be the same way" Willow said.

That night Peril returned to her cave to find Clay sitting there next to the eggs chewing on a deer leg.

"Hey" Peril said, "Sorry I came back so late, we went swimming."

"Meh moh may" Clay said chewing through the meat.

"Also, there's something else I need to tell you" Peril said.

"What" Clay said swallowing.

"Well you know how we're supposed to watch Bumblebee with Starflight and Fatespeaker" Peril said, "Well I'm going to the kingdom of Sand with Turtle and Moon and the rest of the jade winglet."

"Oh" Clay said, "That's great. You go have fun."

"Are you sure it's okay." Peril said.

"Yeah of course" Clay said, "I just thought it would be good practice, but I'll have Fatespeaker and Starflight."

He did not in fact have Fatespeaker and Starflight. The next morning as all the students were leaving Starflight told him that he and Fatespeaker were going to the Rainforest and he asked Clay to

watch his egg and Bumblebee. As everyone left Cricket said her goodbye to Bumblebee and dropped the dragonet in his talons and flew off with Peril, Turtle, Kinkajou, Blue, and Willow.

"Hello Bumblebee" Clay said, "I'm Clay, what do you want to do."

"EEEEEEEEEEEE" Bumblebee shouted in Clay's ear.

"This is going to be a long weekend" Clay muttered.

"Wow" Cricket said standing outside the tunnel in the Rainforest, "this feels so wrong."

"It get's worse" Kinkajou said walking into the boulder.

Peril followed her and it felt like something crawling under her scales. When they walked out the other side Peril looked around and saw in the distant Thorn's Palace. She looked around again and saw Possibility near by. Peril looked around and didn't even noticed the Sandwing guards that immediately stepped back away from her. After Kinkajou explained what they were doing they got the all clear from the guards and headed for the Palace. As they flew into the palace Peril saw Moon and Qibli coming in the distance. The next day Qibli left them on their own as he was meeting with Queen Thorn and Peril and Turtle went for a walk through the courtyard and took a look at the ruins of the weirdling tower. That night when the festival started in the area for Royal challenges the floor and the stands completely filled and some of the party even spilled over into the courtyard. Musicians played as dragons danced and Peril could not be having a better time. She thought the night was going perfectly until something changed. Peril looked around and saw dragons crawling over the court room wall flying into the palace. She thought she heard screaming, but the music was drowning out all other sounds. She looked over at Turtle who was sitting on the side and dragged him to the wall and they peered over the wall.

Clay had moved Starflight's Black egg into his cluster and was trying to keep Bumblebee away from them. One night when he was cleaning up the bones from his meal it was quiet, too quiet. He quickly looked around counted up the eggs. There were still five

eggs, but something was missing.

"Bumblebee" Clay shouted his voice echoing through the caves. He quickly ran out of the room and down towards the prey centre. He quickly checked nothing. He ran through all the students caves and found nothing. As he walk back to his cave hoping that Bumblebee just came back he heard something echoing through the caves.

"Yim yim yim yim yim yim" Bumblebee chirped.

Clay quickly rushed through the caves until he heard another sound, but not a cheerful sound.

"EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE" Bumblebee shrieked and Clay pickup the pace. He ran into the cave the screams were coming from and saw Bumblebee flailing in the swallow end of the lake. Clay immediately jumped in and scoped Bumblebee up, but his wave completely drenched her. "Cold" Bumblebee whispered to him.

"I know" Clay said, "Let's go back to the cave."

Peril looked over the wall and saw commotion below. Their were dragon below, some in Black hoods and some in Black and yellow hoods in the courtyard. They attacked as some drgaons fled and other fought back. Peril could clearly see some dead hooded dragons and some dead soldiers.

"What do we do" Turtle asked.

"You go warn somebody" Peril said, "I'll deal with them for now."

For the first time ever Peril flipped the stone on her necklace and her firescales returned. She jumped down from the arena above and landed in the courtyard. Immediately two hooded dragons with the yellow stripes turned towards her.

"Looks like we got a hero on our hands" One of them said.

"Try me" Peril growled.

The dragon lunged at Peril and extended something from his wrist.

She dodged and grabbed his leg and started burning his scales. He screamed in pain and his friend shot something from his tail. It landed on peril and momentarily burned before being burned itself. Peril thrashed her tail and it whipped across the other's dragons face and he collapsed in pain. Now that she had a better look she realised they were Hivewings. She wanted to ask them what they were doing here but four new dragons were in front of her. Two sandwings in Black hoods ran away immediately at the sight of her, leaving their injured comrades. A mudwing in black hood started pulling away one of the hivewings as another hivewing jumped at Peril. The hivewing lunged claws extended and jaw open. Peril extended her arm and left a palm print on the hivewing's underbelly. She turned towards the next Hivewing and he used wood of a broken spear to hit Peril. When the wood caught fire he panicked and threw it at Peril. It hit her in the head and Peril stumbled backwards landing on one of the injured Hivewings turning him to ash. The mudwing had circled back trying to help the second hivewing when Turtle came down and bashed him over the head. He dropped like a ton of bricks in the sand next to the Hivewing.

"Are you okay" Turtle asked running over to Peril.

"Yes" Peril said scratching her head, "Where's the fight."

"Most of them saw you and ran." Turtle said, "Some went to the party and Thorn and her soldiers are trying to clear the perimeter"

"Is everyone else all right." Peril asked.

"Some minor injuries" Turtle said, "Cricket's hurt kind of badly and Qibli has some deep scratches. Uh oh"

"What"Peril asked.

"I think they're counter attacking" Turtle said pointing in the sky at a blob of something in the sky.

"I'll end this." Peril said flying up. She flew straight through the crowd and dragons dispersed.

"Retreat" One Dragon yelled and the group seemed to follow him off into the night.

"There we go" Peril said landing next to Turtle flipping her stone back, "What should we do with them." she pointed to the mudwing and the Hivewings.

"Let's bring them to Thorn I guess" Turtle said, "Let's do the mudwing first."

"Should we take off their hoods" Peril said.

"I guess" Turtle said and Peril pulled the hood back revealing a face a familiar face, "What"

"That's Marsh" Peril said, "Clay's brother."

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The Letter

"Oh" Turtle said, "Maybe we should-"

"HELP COUNTERATTACK" someone yelled from above.

"Tie them up" Peril said, "I'll go help."

"You go help" A Sandwing soldier said. He had some scratches on his leg and his body looked half limp, "I won't be fighting anymore tonight."

Peril quickly took to the air but up to the arena. The battle was smaller now, less dragons on both sides. Peril scanned the battle field and spotted Kinkajou. Kinakjou was trying to make her way over to Moon, but she was being flanked from behind by some hooded dragons. Peril dove through battle, sandwings jumped out of her way but some unsuspecting Hivewing bump into her and crumbled to the ground.

"Kinakjou behind you." Peril shouted.

Peril saw Hivewings approaching Kinkajou from behind and landed herself between Kinkajou and her attackers. The hivewing leapt at Perl, catching her off-guard. He extended his wrist stingers stabbing Peril slightly before his stingers caught fire and he began screaming. During this impact Peril stumbled backwards slightly, her tail whipping around dangerously. Peril heard a scream but she was too focused on the other hivewing. She took one look at her friend then one look at Peril and turned and flew off into the distance.

"Kinkajou" Peril said, "Are you-" Peril looked down and at her feet was the little rainwing. White as snow, with a black scorch mark across her chest. *Oh no oh no oh no* Peril thought. She quickly flipped her necklace, crouched down and buried her face in her wings and wrapped her tail around her legs.

Clay was starting to get a little tired. He didn't know how long it

had been since he got a good night's sleep. Between Bumblebee napping all day and refusing to go to bed at night, him trying to watch all the eggs himself, and the fact that he was the only dragon in jade mountain. He wasn't necessarily scared of the dark but he was kind of scared of being in a mountain alone.

"Cway" Bumblebee chirped, crawling up his tail onto his back as he laid on the floor of his cave.

"What do you want Bumblebee." Clay said, "It's late, I thought I put you to bed."

"Eeenow." Bumblebee said.

"Fine let's go" Clay said, "Hold onto my horns."

Peril didn't know how long she was curled up in a ball. She could feel her muscles start to numb slightly in her chest where she was stabbed. She guessed because of her firescales she didn't get too much toxin.

Turtle" Qibli yelled at him snapping Peril out of her trance. She lifted her head to see what was going on. She could see Moon laying on the ground, she was also injured. "Help me we need to find Cricket."

"What about Kinkajou." Turtle stammered. Peril looked at Kinkajou's white face. Peril started crying seeing the hurt little dragon.

"I'll deal with her." Peril choked out between sobs. Turtle looked over at her and she gave him a slight nod and he flew over to Moon and lifted her into the air. Peril made her way over to Kinkajou and hoisted her over her shoulder. One of her wings was slightly numb but she flew anyway. She asked some sandwings for direction and made her way inside to a medical wing and found the rest of her winglet inside. She set Kinkajou down on the bed next to Cricket and promptly went to bed.

The next morning Peril left bright and early. She didn't want to stay any longer because of the battle and she could barely stand to be

away from her eggs any longer.

"Peril" Clay said when she walked into the cave.

"Scowlyface" Bumblebee said.

"Scowly face" Clay echoed.

"Not important." Peril said, she walked past Bumblebee and Clay and curled up with her egg, then she realised something was off.

"Why are there five eggs" Peril said.

"Oh" Clay said, "I moved Starflight's egg here to make it easier to look after."

A few hours passed and Clay heard more talonsteps in the mountain. Clay told Peril to look after Bumblebee while he checked it out. He heard Tsunami and Starflight talking nearby so he decided to go join them.

"Well they burned my tail." Fatespeaker said huffing.

"Tsunami" Clay, "You're back. How were your eggs."

"Great, four guards on them." Tsunami said, "How was the dragonet sitting."

"Not bad." Clay said, "Peril's watching Bumblebee right now, but she also said that Thorn's palace was attacked."

"Yes a messenger told us" Riptide said.

"Well, Peril told me that Kinkajou, Moon, and Cricket were hurt bad." Clay said.

"The Rainforest was also invaded" Starflight said, "But the rainwings and the nightwings held their ground."

"Yeah" Tsunami added, "We got into a fight because a hivewing and a sandwing were trying to hold a little dragonet hostage."

"That's horrible" Sunny said coming in, "Also we might need some

help, the jade winglet is coming in with Kinkajou and Cricket on stretchers."

"Let's meet them at the front" Clay said.

"Riptide come too" tsunami said, "We might need more talons."

"I can help too." Sunny said.

"You should make sure widespread panic doesn't happen in the school" Starflight said.

"Fine" Sunny growled.

Tsunami, Clay, and Riptide headed back to the front entrance, but when they got their no one was there.

"Where are they" Clay asked.

"They went to the battle cave" Ostrich said.

"Why would they go there" Riptide asked.

"Because there's magic healing rocks." Tsunami said.

When they went down the hall to the battle cave they past Turtle going the other way. When they walked into the cave and Kinkajou was up and flexing her wings and Cricket was still laying on the ground.

"Why isn't she getting up" Blue asked, "I thought the rock healed her."

"Well maybe she was still unconscious when we rubbed the rock on her." Willow said.

"If she lost enough blood wouldn't she still be unconscious" Umber said.

"That's right" Clay said coming over with Riptide and Tsunami, "I'm glad that I taught you well."

"We'll take her back to the medical wing" Riptide said.

"Should use a sleeping dart on her." Clay asked.

"No then she'll just take longer to wake up." Blue said.

"Clay" Fatespeaker called over to him on his way back from the medical wing.

"Yes' Clay said, "Is something wrong."

"Oh no" Fatespeaker said, "a letter has arrived from Glory for you."

"Thanks" Clay said taking the letter. When he got back to his cave, well technically it was Peril's cave but at this point it was basically theirs, Peril was sleeping. Clay sat down near the eggs and started reading the letter from Glory. As he read more and more he started to think this was just another check up letter, then he read something that made him rush out of the room.

"Tsunami" Clay said coming into the room, "Glory sent me a letter."

"You got one too" Tsunami said.

"Yes" Clay said, "They're going to kill Sora."

"WHAT" Tsunami said, "I thought that they were holding her for mental accessing or whatever."

"Yes there were but Glory wrote and said that the queen's decided that they had to send a message." Clay said.

"And Umber just ran away" Riptide said.

"What, Umber's gone again." Clay said.

"We need to burn that letter" Riptide said.

"What why" Tsunami said.

"That's direct proof that Glory helped warn Sora so she could escape." Riptide said.

"But I didn't tell Umber" Clay said.

"No he's right" Tsunami said "don't take the chance"

"Alright" Clay said dropping the letter setting it on fire. Clay walked back to his cave and found peril waiting for him, still curled around the eggs.

"Clay where have you been" Peril asked.

"I just went to talk to Tsunami about something" Clay said, "Umber's gone."

"I'm so sorry" peril said wrapping her wings around him.

"I just wish I had the chance to say goodbye." Clay said.

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Exams

The next morning Peril wasn't even awake when she heard the first gong. She quickly, but carefully got up and kissed each of her eggs and made her way to class. When she got to class they immediately went hunting and Peril forgot that Umber wasn't here. When they got back inside Peril made her way over to their spot in the corner and started eating the goat she'd caught. even though she didn't have to eat all her food charred she still enjoyed it more that way she she shot a blast of fire and charred the goat black.

"Where's Umber" Winter asked.

"He's gone" Blue said.

"What do you mean Umber's gone" Winter said.

"We mean Umber left and he isn't coming back." Qibli said and Kinkajou hit him with her wing.

"This is serious." Kinkajou said.

"yes" Moon said, "Umber went to go get his sister and save her life"

"Which sister" Cricket asked, " I thought he said that he had two sisters"

"The sister that tried to kill my sister I presume" Winter said.

"Your sister killed one of Umber's sisters" Kinkajou said.

"So does Umber have three sisters or two" Blue asked.

"Two living ones" Turtle said.

"Why did Winter's sister kill one of Umber's sisters." Cricket asked.

"It was because we were at war" Winter said.

"Well your sister also tried to kill Starflight and Glory" Qibli said.

"What were we talking about" Willow asked.

"Why Umber left" Moon said.

"Why did he leave" Blue asked.

"Because his sister while trying to kill my sister killed two other dragons and was in the Mud kingdom living in the palace for some reason." Winter said

"Sora was undergoing mental treatment because the war scarred her" Turtle said.

"But for some reason the queens changed their minds and were going to execute her" Moon said.

"So then Umber ran away again" Kinkajou said.

"he ran away before" Cricket said.

"Yes when his sister killed the dragons the first time." Qibli said.

"Also, one of Umber's brothers were one of the dragons that attacked thorns palace." Peril said.

"Thorn's palace got attacked" Winter said with surprise.

"yes' Moon replied, "by the talons of power."

"And by some Hivewings" Cricket said.

"They almost killed Moon" Qibli said.

"And me" Kinkajou said.

"and cricket" Blue added.

"Luckily Turtle's magic healing rock saved us" Cricket said.

"Well I'm glad I skipped that party" Winter said.

A couple of weeks passed and Clay was starting to get over Umber leaving, he had tried to dream visit Umber a few times but for some reason he couldn't reach him. After school one day, Clay decided that he would check up on the house that he was getting built in the Claws of the Clouds Mountains. He took a short flight towards Ruby's palace after his last class and found the hut halfway up a mountain.

"Clay" one dragon said standing in the front doorway, "Thanks for stopping by."

"Hey Hawk" Clay said, "Are you close to finished."

"yes sir" Hawk said, "We have almost finished, we just need to work on some final details."

"You think it will be done in around five months." Clay asked.

"Of course" Hawk said, "We just have about one problem."

"What's that" Clay asked.

"I saw some hooded dragons flying by a few days ago, they gave off some bad vibes." Hawk said.

"Did you tell Queen Ruby" Clay asked.

"No" Hawk said, "But I'll send one of my men now"

"That's for the progress update" Clay said, "Do you mind if I take a look around."

"Not at all" Hawk said.

Finally after a few days they were finally going to have a girls meeting. As everyone filled into her cave they started talking about the subject of their gossip.

"So what are we going to talk about" Peril said.

"Well-" Kinkajou started.

"Willow" someone called.

"Sundew" Willow said.

"I thought you weren't supposed to be back for a few more days." Cricket said.

"Well I have some news so I came back early." Sundew said, "Mantis Hive burned down."

"That's awful" Cricket said.

"it gets worse" Sundew said, "Queen Wasp has escaped."

"That doesn't sound good" Lynx said, "But for all the non pantalans can you explain why that's bad."

"Queen wasp was the crazy queen who took control of her subjects and enslaved the silkwings" Sundew practically yelled at Lynx.

"Didn't you cover that in dragon studies." Willow said calmly trying to bring the tension in the room do.

"No we're still talking about the start of the tree wars, not the enslaving or mind control part yet." Lynx said.

"Well Wasp is completely evil" Sundew said, "And now that's she's escaped she get even more support from some hivewings"

"Wait the some hivewings are supporting Wasp" Moon said.

"Oh maybe those are the same hivewings that attacked Thorn's palace." Kinkajou said.

"Thorn" Sundew said confused.

"Sandwing queen" Willow said.

"But I thought it was the talons of power" Cricket said.

"maybe they're working together." Peril said, "I mean why else would they be Hivewings attacking with the talons of power."

"That's a good point" Kinkajou said.

'What about Mantis Hive" Cricket asked, "You said that burned down, how many dragons were hurt, when did it happen, what is Queen Jewel going to do"

"Did they catch anyone." Peril asked cutting through all of cricket's questions.

"See now that's the important question" Sundew said, "Yes they caught two dragons wearing yellow and Black hoods. After interrogation they revealed they were working for Queen Wasp."

"Interrogation" Cricket said.

'Well Belladonna got creative" Sundew said with a smirk.

"Snudoo" Bumblebee said coming in at the perfect time. The little dragon jumped up on Sundew.

"We can talk about this later" Sundew said.

The next few weeks of school flew by and exams were already upon them. Clay spent most of the weeks before making his exams. Then he had to invigilate the exams and before he knew it the first term of school was over. Well, not quite over for Clay. He still had to grade all the exams, which by his extremely accurate count, was about 100.

Peril was ready for her exams, or at least she thought she was. She had prepared way better than she did last year but it turns out never reading or studying your whole life makes it kind of hard to start after eight years. The math and science exams weren't easy, but it could have been worse. Anatomy was easy because Clay was the teacher, then dragon studies wasn't so bad, but then history was brutal. After the exam the jade winglet, other than Qibli, Moon, Cricket and Blue who all finished an hour earlier.

"How about before we start complaining" Qibli said, "How about we just don't"

"Easy for you to say" Winter said.

"Yeah you didn't spend 20 minutes trying to remember what the name of the Silkwing Queen was." Kinkajou growled.

"Monarch" Willow said.

"I know now" Kinkajou said.

"I didn't think it was that bad" Blue said.

"Don't flip out on Blue" Peril said poking Winter with her tail.

"Fine" Winter said.

"Who's excited for the dance" Moon said changing the subject.

"Dance" Cricket said.

"Yeah they have one after the exams" Kinkajou said.

"And they have some awesome little berries." Winter said.

"I'm so excited for a dance where I can actually dance with anyone." Peril said.

"What is my dancing not good enough for you" Turtle said.

"No it's great" Peril said twinning her tail around his, "I better go watch the eggs."

"I'll come with you" Turtle said, "Maybe we can get some extra practice with our dancing."

"Maybe we could have another dance lesson" Qibli said.

"I could use some more practice Moon said.

"Me too" Blue said, "I've never danced"

"Great then we can have a lesson an hour before dinner" Kinkajou said.

"Are you coming" Qibli said to Winter.

"Yes" Winter said, "Someone has to teach Blue how to dance properly"

"I'm so exciting your coming" Qibli said grabbing Winter front talon in his.

"Let go of me you sand-." Winter said slapping Qibli away than Kinkajou slapped him, "Can Lynx come to these dance lessons."

"Can't she dance" Moon said.

"Yes" Winter said, "But I want at least one other proper dancer there."

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Dance Lessons

Peril waited with Turtle in her cave, watching the eggs and practicing some dancing before their lessons. Turtle and Peril came into the music cave and the only one there was Kinkajou.

"How nice of you to come" Kinakjou said as they entered the music room, "Welcome to our dance lessons in preparation for the winter dance."

"Fancy" Peril said, "But why the sales pitch."

"In case some other students comes" Kinkajou said, "I want to be prepared."

"Did you tell anyone else". Qibli said coming in with Moon.

"No" Kinkajou said.

"Well then why do you expect other dragons to show up." Winter said following Qibli with Lynx.

"I would slap you" Kinkajou said, "But here at dance lessons we have higher standards."

"Are we late" Cricket said making her way in with Blue and Willow.

"No you're right on time" Kinkajou said, "Let's begin."

"Are you excited for the dance tonight." Turtle asked as he and Peril danced.

"Yes, but, Ow" Peril said as Turtle stepped on her talons.

"Sorry" Turtle said, "Continue."

"But I don't want to leave the eggs for too long." Peril said.

"Why not" Turtle said, "they'll be fine. They've been fine for this

long."

"Well tonight there are going to be dragonets that have eaten so many smokeberries that they don't know which way is up." Peril said.

"No there isn't, I thought that was only something Kinkajou did to Winter last year." Turtle said.

"And it wasn't funny" Winter said.

"Yes it was" Qibli corrected him.

"Kinakjou" Peril said, "Are you and the other rainwings still planning to do you special thing."

"Yes" Kinkajou said, "But I can't tell you how, it's a secret."

"Is this the first secret you've ever kept" Willow asked.

"honestly" Kinkajou said, "Maybe."

"That's what I mean." Peril said.

When the dance came Clay put on an arm band he received from Queen Ruby and Peril still had her necklace on. When they arrived at the dance Peril immediately went to find Kinkajou. Clay waited on the outskirts, keeping an eye on the dance.

"Hey Clay" Turtle said coming over to sit next to him.

"Hey Turtle" Clay said, "Is Kinkajou here."

"Yeah" Turtle said, "She's somewhere here. Why"

"Peril went to find her" Clay said, "I thought you two would be dancing."

"Well she went to find some friends." Turtle said looking down at his talons, suspiciously, but before Clay could say anything Boto came over.

"Hey Clay, hey Turtle" Boto said, "I was wondering if you want to

get some food."

"Sure" Turtle said, "Bye Clay."

"Kinkajou" peril said rushing through the crowd over to her.

"What" Kinkajou asked, "I'm kind of busy."

"Well, I really really really need to know how you're going to berry everyone." Peril said.

"No" Kinkajou said, "If I tell you it ruins the fun and then it won't happen to you."

"I'll eat a smokeberry but Clay's supposed to watch the eggs I can't have him getting berried." Peril said.

"Fine" Kinkajou said holding out a smokeberry, "If you eat this I'll tell you."

"Fine" Peril said taking the berry and chewing down on it.

"Keep Clay away from the juice" Kinkajou said, "Also you have about 15 minutes."

Peril ran back through the crowd over to Clay.

"Hey why are you in a rush." Clay asked, "Are you leaving to watch the eggs."

"No" Peril said, "But I think you should. I don't feel comfortable leaving them, but I really want stay."

"It's okay" Clay said, "I'll watch them."

"Wait" Peril said, "I want to have one dance with you first."

"Well then let's dance" Clay said.

Peril and Clay for three songs and by the fourth one Peril's world started to spin around her.

"Well I better go now." Clay said kissing Peril, "I'll see you tonight."

"It's going to be late don't wait for me to go to sleep." Peril said.

"bye" Clay said.

"Bye." Peril said.

"Wow" Kinkajou said next to Peril, "The magic hasn't wore off yet."

"Well the berry is starting to kick in." Peril said shaking her head.

"Here, have some juice" Kinkajou said handing Peril a cup, "The liquid will help you."

"You're a good friend" Peril said downing the cup.

"Well" Kinkajou said, "I try."

As the night went on Peril didn't even feel like she was in her body. She was moving around talking with everyone. She noticed that most of the other dragons were acting the same way, then she remembered that Kinkajou and Boto did something to the juice, then she remembered that Kinkajou had given her two cups to drink.

"Turtle" Peril said walking over to him.

"Peril" Turtle said, "you wanna dance."

"Sure" Peril said.

Turtle and Peril made their way over to the dance floor, they started dancing to the slow song the band was currently playing. As they danced Peril tripped over Turtle's tail and they both fell to the floor. Peril looked back at Turtle who's tail was wrapped around one of Peril's leg and his wing was underneath her, they both couldn't help but laugh.

"Are you okay Turtle." Sunny said rushing over Kinkajou came over too.

"Are you guys alright." Kinakjou asked.

"Yes" Peril replied, "Jus a little stumbbbble."

"I think we should go" Kinkajou said to Turtle.

"Okkakakakay" Turtle said slowly getting to his feet falling backwards a little.

"Are you alright" Sunny said bending down helping Peril up.

"Yeha" Peril said, "Never better."

"Sunny" Kinkajou said.

"Yes" Sunny replied.

"Have you had any juice yet" Kinkajou asked, "We put a lot of effort into making it and I think you'll really like it."

"Okay" Sunny said, "I'll have some, thanks for coming." she added as Kinkajou walked out of the entrance cave with Turtle.

"What is with everyone tonight" Sunny said to Peril as she drank some juice, "Three dragonets have already passed out."

"It's the juice." Peril laughed as Sunny finished off her cup, "It's magic."

"Should I be worried." Sunny asked.

"Most defininitely" Peril said.

"I think you had one too many 'nis'" Sunny laughed.

That night Clay waited and waited for Peril to return, but around midnight he dozed off. Something awoke him about, well he wasn't sure how long it had been. He took an involuntary glance over to the nest and quickly counted making sure there were four eggs still. Curious to see what had awoken him, Clay poked his head out of the cave Peril stumbling down the hall, singing to herself.

"Peril" Clay said confused.

"Clay" Peril replied happily, falling into his arms.

"I tried to wait for you but I didn't realise you would be gone so late." Clay said.

"sokay" Peril said, "I would have not waited, it that how you say it."

"Are you okay" Clay asked, concern starting to grow in him, "You're acting strangely."

"me's okay." Peril said. "Me's... I'm." she corrected herself.

Clay didn't know what was going on but he wasn't sure he wanted Peril to be around the eggs like this, "Are you sure you're okay."

"Yeah, of cour." Peril started, "Could you give me a second." Peril ducked her head into another nearby cave and vomited multiple times. Clay became even more nervous, as Peril stepped completely into the cave and continued to throw up. Then, it stopped. Clay slowly walked into the cave to find Peril passed out, dangerously close to her vomit. He carefully picked her up, and slung her over his shoulder and carried her back to their cave.

"Ughhhh" Peril groaned as she woke up the next morning, or maybe lunch.

"How was your party, how are you feeling now." Clay asked.

"The party, great, me, very very bad." Peril said, "My head hurts so badly."

"What even happened." Clay asked.

"Well" Peril said, "Let's just say that the juice was contaminated."

"WHAT"Clay said, "like the water or fruit we gave the rainwings were bad."

"No no no." Peril said trying to calm him down, "Remember Glory's party, and you had so many berries and you felt bad the next day."

"Yes" Clay said, "Ohh, now I understand. Peril"

"Yes" Peril responded.

"You're going to need to find Sunny." Clay said.

"Why" Peril asked.

"You're going to need a mop." Clay said.

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Hatching Party

After the dance Peril and Clay visited their house they were building which was almost done, even if it did finish, Peril wasn't sure she would want to move her eggs. Starflight and Fatespeaker left to visit the Rainforest leaving the entire jade mountain for Clay and Peril. After the break ended they had five new teachers. Catfish the mudwing, Geode the Sandwing, Crab the Seawing, another Caribou the icewing, and ravine the Skywing. Since there were so many new teachers Catfish took Clay's old cave and the others moved into new caves built near the other teachers. The first few weeks of school back after the break were still mostly the same. The only classes where they had a new teacher were Art and Music which were both with Geode. Also sometimes the new Caribou would sit in on dragon studies classes with Sunny which made Peril think she might be their new teacher soon. Catfish was also from the diamond spray Delta and knew Clay's siblings. Peril noticed that she and Clay talked a lot as she told him what life was like growing up there. The next few months of school kind of flew by for Peril as everyday she rushed back to her cave and usually fell asleep or had a girls meeting in her cave. Her eggs were only four months away from hatching, but that meant Glory's was due to hatch soon. One day when she got back from her last class Clay was reading a letter from Glory.

"What are you reading" Peril asked coming in and immediately curling around the eggs.

"It's a letter from Glory" Clay said, "It says that her hatching is in a few days and she wants us all to be there."

"Like a hatching party" Peril asked.

"I don't think there will be a party" Clay said, "But parties usually do have a lot of food."

"No silly" Peril said, "There's not actually a party, you're just there with her during the hatching."

"Oh" Clay said, "I mean I knew that."

"When are you leaving." Peril asked.

"You not coming" Clay said.

"No of course not" Peril replied, "This is for Glory and me being there would ruin it for her, she doesn't like me."

"She does" Clay protested. Peril looked down her snout at him and rolled her eyes.

"Anyway I also need to stay with the eggs." Peril said.

"Clay" Sunny said, running into their cave. Peril immediately jumped to her feet and bared her teeth.

"Sorry" Peril muttered sitting back down.

"What" Clay asked.

"Tsunami, Starflight, and myself are leaving for the Rainforest soon" Sunny said, "Do you want to fly with us."

"Sure" Clay said, "I just need to get ready."

"What could you possibly need to get ready" Peril asked.

"I need to pack some fruit." Clay said, "I need to have some dinner" then his stomach rumbled loudly.

"I sincerely hope that our dragonets are not as obsessed with food as you are." Peril said.

When they left for the Rainforest that evening Clay was flying next to Starflight with Sunny, making sure he didn't lose his way. When they arrived at the rainforest he saw two rainwings materialise near the treeline. He recognised one of them as Orchid and he had a feeling he had seen the other one at Jade mountain before.

"Hello everyone" Orchid said as they landed.

"Hello Orchid" Sunny said hugging the Rainwing.

"Some of you may know Banana" Orchid said, "He's one of Queen Glory's main guards."

"So Glory does care" Tsunami joked.

"Follow me this way" Banana said.

They followed Banana into the Rainforest and Clay notuced that Orchid didn't follow as well. He thought maybe she was guarding the Rainforest but then he thought about how many invisible guards there could have been watching him, but they had saw a banana tree and grabbed one as they flew by. They had to move very slowly in the rainforest because of Starflight. There were so many things clustered together making it very difficult for him to navigate without sight (Clay didn't mind though because it gave him time to grab fruit as they went by). When they arrived in the rainwing village and made their way to the main pavilion Glory greeted them.

"Hello" Glory said, descending from her hut, "We have your visitor hut for you."

"Hut" Starflight echoed.

"Well, since we have the palace we gave all our visitor huts" Glory started.

"Stop lying" Deathbringer said, "She didn't want to say it she just wants to spend one more night sleeping in a pile."

"Of course we can" Clay said twinning his tail with Glory's.

"Speak for yourself" Tsunami said.

"Tsunami" Sunny said.

"Fine" Tsunami said.

That night they all curled up like they used to, sleeping in one big pile on the floor. Clay quickly fell into a deep sleep, dreaming of eating all the food he could possibly want.

"mmmhmhmhmh Glory said shaking Clay.

"Yes, I think i'll have another goat." Clay mumbled still mostly asleep.

"Clay" Glory said in his ear, "The egg is hatching."

"*WHAT"* Clay said jumping up.

"How do you know" Starflight asked.

"A mother knows" Glory said.

"Glory" Deathbringer said rushing into the hut, "The egg is hatching."

"Told you" Glory said, "Let's go, someone grab Starflight." Glory rushed out of the hut.

"OH MY MOONS" Sunny screamed probably waking up half the rainwing village.

"I'll get Starflight" Tsunami said, "You two go."

"Where's Glory's hut." Clay asked.

"THIS WAY" Sunny screamed.

Clay frantically followed Sunny to Glory's hut, rushing inside behind Deathbringer. Glory ran over and scooped up her egg, and even in the dark Clay could see some cracks. Clay heard Tsunami and Starflight come into the room but he was so fixated on the egg he didn't even really hear the conversation around him until Sunny yelled "Him" in his ear. He took him a second to realise what she was talking about.

"A little prince" Clay said nudging Deathbringer.

Clay looked back towards the egg and saw a little Claw poke out, then a second one. The shell completely shattered next, leaving a little black dragonet sitting in Glory's talons. The little dragonet looked up at Glory and spread his wings shaking off all the shells

pieces stuck to him. Glory grabbed a little towel and wiped him dry.

"I'm going to have to ask you to leave" Deathbringer said, "Just to give us some time."

"Of course" Clay said.

"Starflight" Tsunami said holding out her wing.

"Sunny" Clay said.

"I don't want to leave" Sunny complained.

"Let's go." Clay said grabbing her arm.

The next morning when Clay woke up his stomach was grumbling loudly. He and Tsunami left the hut to get some fruit and when they returned Glory was in the hut with her dragonet sleeping in her talons.

"Hello" Tsunami whispered.

"What's his name" Clay asked.

"Lightshade" Glory replied.

"Can someone tell me what colour he is." Starflight asked.

"He's completely black" Sunny said.

"Really" Starflight said, "No rainwing in him at all."

"Shsh" Glory hushed them.

"Well his tail does curl" Clay said noticing that.

"But no ruff" Tsunami added.

"ruff" Lightshade echoed looking up at Glory reaching for her snout.

"No Lightshade" Glory said, "Sleep." Lightshade sat up and saw the berries Tsunami was holding. He started squirming in Glory's talons.

"I think he's hungry." Sunny said, "Give him a berry" Tsunami handed Lightshade a blueberry and his scales turned bright yellow.

"His scales can change colour." Clay said surprised.

"Only sometimes" Glory said, "The only colour he's been so far is yellow."

"Already more times than his mom" Tsunami added earning her a glare from Glory.

"Does he have fangs" Starflight asked.

"Yes' Glory replied, "I don't know if he'll have fire though."

"How is he built" Starflight asked.

"What do you mean" Glory asked laughing.

"*I mean* is he more graceful like a rainwing or bulkier like a nightwing." Starflight explained.

"Nightwing" Sunny said, "Definitely nightwing."

"Thank you" Starflight said.

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Danger at School

It seemed like barely anytime before all the dragonets of destiny were heading to another hatching party. Peril again, assured Clay that it was okay but also told him that he better be back in a few days. On their flight over the sea they started talking.

"Is Glory meeting us there." Sunny asked as they crossed over the water.

"Yes" Tsunami said.

"Do you think she's bringing guards." Starflight asked.

"Well maybe" Riptide said, "Last time she was there they arrested her."

"Well she wasn't a queen then." Tsunami pointed out.

"What if-" Starflight started.

"We didn't talk for the rest of the flight." Tsunami said.

When they arrived at the Summer palace there was a greeting party of guards waiting for them. Shark was there but leading the party herself was Coral.

"Tsunami" Coral said heading up to hug Tsunami, "I'm so excited for some granddragonets. Queen Glory has already arrived. Make your way inside, some guards with show you to your rooms."

"You're not coming" Tsunami said.

"No, I have something to attend to" Queen Coral said, "I'll meet you in the hatchery."

"That was weird" Riptide said.

"I know" Starflight said, "she didn't even mention her scrolls."

That night, again like with Glory's party, they all slept together in a bundle. Clay stirred a little against the cold stone floor, dreaming of all the whales he could eat.

"They've hatched" Tsunami whispered coming into the cave.

"One boy and one girl." Riptide said.

"Wow they're so cute" Sunny said coming over to look at them, Clay came over too and Glory looked from a distance.

"What colour are they" Starflight asked.

"The boy we named Reef is yellowish green." Tsunami said.

"And the girl we named Dolphin is sky blue" Riptide said.

"She looks like a little Tsunami" Clay commented.

"Their *Builds* are *seawing*" Glory teased.

"Tsunami" Queen Coral said, "There you are."

"Mother look" Tsunami said. For a moment Tsunami could see Coral's eyes lighting up, just the same way Dolphin had looked at her.

"They're perfect" Coral said, "That one, that's exactly how Gill looked. What are their names."

"Reef and Dolphin" Tsunami said.

"Excellent, now follow me, I have a surprise." Coral said.

Peril woke up around lunch time, without Clay she really had nothing to do until Winter and Qibli burst into her cave.

"The talons of power are attacking" Winter said.

"We need you to go help fight them off." Qibli said, "Long story short there was a prophecy of them attacking and stealing your egg."

"Well if I leave won't it make that pretty easy." Peril said.

"No" Winter said, "If you go fight them off less of them will be here"

"Also we'll protect the egg." Qibli said.

"Fine" Peril said rushing out of the cave. Peril flipped her necklace over and ran outside the mountain. She could see the teachers trying to fight them off, as well as Turtle and Kinkajou. Peril grabbed one sandwing getting a little too close to the mountain and grabbed her back. Immediately he started burning and screaming and Peril threw his charred remains at the battle trying to intimidate the rest of the attackers. She could see it was slightly working and Perl dove back into the battle, she grabbed one more dragon and easily killed him, then stopped in the middle of the battle.

"Everybody Stop" Peril shouted spreading her wings, "Don't bring the fight to them guard the entrance." The teachers started falling back, blocking the entrance. peril could see Ravine was injuried, but Peril couldn't see Crab or Catfish. Peril made her way towards the entrance and sat down at the front.

"Go block the other exits" Peril said, she could identify the who the leader was by the way he was flying in the middle. Vulture, Qibli's grandfather Peril suspected, she heard after Darkstalker humiliated him he didn't leave his stronghold a lot, but she guessed that he wanted this job done right.

The next morning Clay woke up to the sound of Queen Coral's booming voice, as she introduced her grand dragonets to the tribe.

"Hey everyone" Tsunami said entering their cave.

"How was your guest appearance." Clay asked.

"Good" Tsunami said, "and somehow they're asleep again" Tsunami said changing to a whisper.

"You know that when I made that announcement I wasn't the special guest" Glory said.

"I don't understand how you guys can fight when something so cute is right there." Sunny said.

"Starflight" Clay said nudging his shoulder, "Are you okay."

"Yes" Starflight said, "I'm fine, is it okay if we leave today."

"Why" Sunny asked.

"I don't want to leave my egg for too long." Starflight said.

"Yes" Glory agreed, "I need to get back to Lightshade."

"Fine' Tsunami said, "But at least stay for breakfast."

"Breakfast" Clay echoed.

By the time Jade mountain was in view in the distance Clay was starving. It was almost Lunch time, but once they got closer to the mountain Clay could see there was a fight going on.

"My eggs" Clay whispered. Clay rushed forward before anyone could say anything. As he approached the mountain he could see the black cloaks of the talons of power. As he rushed forward he saw some of the talons of power turn around and launch at him. Clay outstretched his talons and caught one of the sandwings, he kept flying but a red tail came around and hit his face.

Peril watched from the entrance as a group of dragons approached in the distance. Suddenly one started moving full speed towards the school.

"Clay" Peril shouted jumping up and rushing towards him. The talons surrounded him as he charged at the school, until a tail hit knocking him out of the sky. Clay regained his balance but Peril was already charging. She rushed towards the group and made sure to flail her tail and spread her wings. She felt at least four different dragons touching her and then heard the matching screams. Clay looked up and saw Peril fighting, well mostly her chasing dragons and Clay looked back at the mountain and saw Sunny's tail go inside. Clay looked back towards Peril, who was doing just fine and headed for the entrance. Clay rushed inside and ran towards his.

"Cl-ay" Catfish forced out, "C-rab." Clay moved past Catfish and into his cave and saw Qibli and Winter laying their unconscious and only three eggs in his nest.

"CATFISH" Clay yelled running out into the hall, looking down at Catfish, "What happened."

"C-r-a-..-b" Catfish said, weakly lifting one claw, pointing down the hall. Clay ran down towards the hall the way Catfish pointed and tripped over something. Clay looked back and it was Starflight curled on the floor, bleeding profusely.

"Clay" Starflight said coughing up a little blood, "Crab...egg."

"CLAY" Fatespeaker shouted, "Crab just ran through with your egg and tried to take mine by stabbing me with something, but Moon cha- cha-se St." Fatespeaker started to collapse to the ground and Clay ran forward to grab the egg she was holding. "Tur-t-t-tle."

"Right Right" Clay said leaving the egg and running the same way Moon did. When Clay made it outside he saw Crab desperately beating his wings as Moon chased him. Out of no where Kinkajou rammed into him causing him to drop the egg.

"NO" Clay shouted jumping from the window diving after the egg. Clay nosedived straight towards the ground and out of nowhere Cricket came out catching the egg safely in a net. Clay managed to pull up last second and missed hitting any trees. He looked up and saw Crab trying to regain his balance in the sky but before he could do anything Peril came out of nowhere and seized Crab by the neck.

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Regret

Peril looked over and saw Crab making a break for it flapping as fast as he could. He was holding something orange and red in his talons. *My egg* Peril's mind growled. Peril scratched the dragon she was fighting and flapped after Crab. Peril flew as fast as she could and watched Kinkajou materialise and hit Crab, but causing him to drop the egg. As Peril watched the egg fall she was filled with some much rage. Peril flew and grabbed Crab by the neck and his scales started burning. She flipped her necklace back to normal and burning stopped.

"Please" Crab muttered.

Peril flew lower, and watched as Crab's tail and hind legs smashed into trees. Peril put on a satisfied smile as she heard his tail bones break. Lastly, she flew up and sliced both the membranes of Crab's wings.

"Pl-please." Crab croaked.

"Never again will you kill another dragonet" Peril said as she dropped him. She watched as he helplessly flailed around in the air and then the dust cloud that rose when he hit the ground. Peril began to weep, thinking about her lost dragonet. She descended, landing on one of the outcroppings on the mountain. Clay landed beside her wrapping a wing around her.

"It's okay." Clay said.

"HOW CAN IT BE OKAY." Peril shouted back, "OUR DRAGONET IS DEAD."

"It's not" Clay said holding up their egg, "Cricket caught it."

"Oh my moons." Peril said crying into Clay's shoulder.

"Sorry to ruin the moment" Kinkajou said, "But the talons are still

attacking."

"I'll end this" Peril said, Peril rushed up towards where the talons were still hovering in the sky. She could see some of them start to swoop towards the entrance Peril completely blew past them and reached towards Vulture. Peril flipped her necklace back to firescales, some dragons peeled away and some reached to stop Peril. Peril easily forced them away and when she reached Vulture she ripped his vulture stamped medallion away.

"Leave or next is your arm." Peril said.

"fine" Vulture spat, covering Peril with some spit. As the talons flew away, Peril swung her tail to turn, accidentally hitting a skywing, setting her cloak of fire.

Peril made her way back into the mountain, and ran back to her eggs. When she made her way inside she quickly counted up the eggs making sure there were four again, as there should be.

"Peril" Turtle said from the doorway, "Are you okay."

"Yes." Peril said, "I'm just regretting what I did to Crab, but I was just so angry and upset at the same time and all the rage inside me released at once." Peril noticed that Turtle also had his head low, and she wonder if something was also wrong with him. "What happened with you."

"Well." Turtle said, "My Animus magic won't work."

"What really" Peril said.

"I couldn't save Starflight's life" Turtle said, "Crab might have killed him, and even if he survives he's never going to see again, and what if one of your dragonets is a firescales, I was going to enchant something for them."

"It's okay Turtle." Peril said hugging him, not even bothering to turn her firescales off.

The next month was a little bit of a roller coaster emotionally for Peril and Clay, they were still recovering from almost losing an egg,

but what was mostly weighing on Peril is what she had done to Crab. But many good things also happened in the last month. First of all, Starflight could see again, after being almost killed by Crab trying to protect his egg his eyes were healed. Not directly from Turtle because for some reason his magic stopped working, but the magic healing rock he had previously enchanted saved his life, and also healed the burns on his eyes. The other good thing that happened was that Starflight's and Fatespeaker's egg hatching. Tsunami and Glory had arrived that night and all of them were sitting on the top of the mountain as the wind howled around them.

"Do we really have to be up here" Tsunami complained shaking her shivering wings.

"Yes" Fatespeaker said huddling around her egg.

"The one full moon in the sky means that if our dragonet is born under it they could have foresight or mind reading." Starflight said.

"So because you want your dragonet to be gifted we have to freeze to death on this mountain" Glory said.

"Look" Clay said pointing at the egg, the shell had suddenly turned silver, reflecting the starlight looking like a little sparkling moon.

"Does that mean that he will have powers." Fatespeaker asked Starflight.

"HE" Sunny yelled jumping up onto Clay's back, the warm heat from her scales were nice.

"Clay has Fire" Tsunami said, " Sunny come over and give my and Glory a hug."

"It's happening" Fatespeaker suddenly said, "I see it in a vision."

"That might just be a mother thing" Glory said rolling her eyes.

Clay wanted to say something to Glory about that when the egg cracked a little, and a little talon poked through the side. The talon suddenly retreated, maybe feeling the cold wind. Clay started to get worried after a few uneventful minutes from the egg. Suddenly the

shell shattered as the dragonet kicked his back talons hard and wound up sitting on his back in Fatespeaker's talons. Clay watched happily, as the dragonet flipped over and sat in Fatespeaker's talons.

"mrrrph" the little dragonet said gazing fondly at Fatespeaker.

"We'll give you some privacy." Clay said herding everyone, especially Sunny inside the mountain.

The next morning Clay, unlike usual was not dreaming about food, but about four little reddish brown dragonets, running around in a field.

"Where are the new parents" Tsunami asked, waking Clay up and also Glory.

"you sea slug of a princess" Glory mumbled.

"We're here" Fatespeaker said holding her little baby.

"It's a boy and we named him Nightfall" Starflight said.

"That's wonderful." Tsunami said, "It was nice seeing you all, can't wait for your eggs to hatch Clay." Tsunami started towards the door by Sunny stopped her.

"You're just going to leave." Sunny said.

"I have two dragonets." Tsunami said.

"I have one" Glory interjected.

"And don't you want to get back to him." Tsunami said

"This is tricky, I want to see Lightshade but I don't want to agree with you." Glory said.

"How about this." Clay said, "Mine and Peril's eggs are due to hatch after the school year, why don't you bring your dragonet's here so we can all stay together."

"Great" Sunny said.

"So until then" Tsunami said walking out the door.

"That's great" Fatespeaker said nudging Starflight, "Then we will both get to see what Lightshade, Reef, and Dolphin look like."

The next few weeks of school were fun for Peril and the Jade winglet, everyone at school loved Nightfall, he was so small and fun to play with and almost every single student had played with him at one point. When Starflight and Fatespeaker moved to the Rainforest it kind of put a damper on the mood at school for a little bit, but Kinkajou was right there to put it back with a girls meeting.

"So what's new" Kinkajou said.

"I thought you said we were going to study." Moon said holding some papers.

"Well I lied" Kinkajou said, "Because I know Lynx has something interesting to tell us."

"Wait what." Lynx said, also holding some papers.

"I know you didn't go back to the ice kingdom to talk about the school." Kinakjou said.

"Really" Cricket asked.

"Why fly across the whole continent when you could have sent a letter" Kinkajou said.

"Well what happened." Moon asked.

"Nothing, just boring queen stuff." Lynx said with a face that even Peril could tell she was lying.

"Really" Peril said, "I'm inviting you to come to my hatching."

"Fine" Lynx said.

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Dragonets

"Well" Kinkajou said expectantly leaning so far forward towards Lynx Peril thought she might actually fall over.

"Something really big kind of happened." Lynx said.

"We know that" Cricket said, "Now tell us."

"You remember the winter dance right." Lynx said.

"Of course Kinkajou drugged everyone." Moon said.

"Well something else happened." Lynx said, pausing for a moment, "With Winter."

"You had s-" Kinkajou started.

"We all know it" Peril cut her off, "You don't have to say it."

"That's you big news" Kinkajou said a little disappointed, "You and Prince frostface did it. You're literally adults, all of us here have had"

"Again you don't need to say it" Peril said and Moon and Cricket were unsuccessfully trying to smother their laughs.

"Well something else happened." Lynx said.

"Oh" Moon gasped covering her mouth with her talons.

"I left because I laid an egg in the Ice Kingdom." Lynx finished.

"Oh my moons." Peril said.

"Two months ago." Cricket said and Lynx nodded.

"AND YOU DIDN'T THINK TO TELL US THIS WHOLE TIME." Kinkajou shouted.

"Well I also maybe haven't really told Winter" Lynx said, "So could we try and keep this a secret."

"Maybe you shouldn't have told Kinkajou" Peril said.

Peril had never been so sad and excited at the same time, school was ending and she was sad to see her friends leave, but her eggs were also hatching. She had invited all her friends, which was just the jade winglet plus Lynx to come back to school for the hatching. Sadly, Blue and Cricket wouldn't be able to come because they had to go back to Pantala. Peril hadn't said anything to Clay about Lynx's situation, but she hoped with all her heart that Lynx would come back to school, or at least visit her dragonets once they got older. A few more weeks passed and exams were coming to an end, and the school year was wrapping up. There was another dance and thankfully Peril skipped this one, with the eggs so close to hatching she was not going to risk anything.

"Be back in a week." Peril called to the group of dragons that were starting to look lik a blur of colours in the distance.

Clay was excited, not only were his eggs potentially hatching today, but all his friends and their dragonets were also coming.

"Hello Glory" Clay said as the Rainwing Queen descended from the sky with Deathbringer, holding her little dragonet in her arms. "Hello Prince Lightshade." Clay said looking down at the dragonet.

"Helwo uncle Cway." Lightshade said hopping out of Glory's arms and hugging Clay.

"Deathbringer" Clay said nodding his head and bumping his wing as he passed. After directing the Rainwing/nightwing royal family to the prey centre. A few minutes later the nightwings plus Kinkajou showed up. Fatespeaker was holding Nightfall while Moon and Starflight flew together, probably discussing some scroll.

"Fatespeaker Starflight, Moon, Kinkajou" Clay said, trying to hug everyone at once.

"AHEM." Nightfall said, "Meees."

"Sorry Nightfall." Clay said hugging the little nightwing.

"That's you uncle Clay" Fatespeaker said.

"Hi Cway." Nightfall said.

Turtle showed up a little later, and finally the last of the dragonets of destiny, Tsunami, showed up holding her daughter and Riptide holding their son.

"Tsunami" Clay said hugging her, accidentally squashing Dolphin.

"CUSE ME." Dolphin said being crushed by this unfamiliar brown dragon, "I's a princess."

"Dolphin be nice" Tsunami said, "This is your uncle Clay"

"Hi uncle Clay." Reef said trying to wiggle his way out of the pouch.

"Who else is here." Riptide asked setting Reef on the ground.

"Glory, Moon, Kinkajou, Starflight, Fatespeaker, Turtle, Sunny, Nightfall and Lightshade."

"So everyone." Tsunami said.

"Well apparently Lynx, Qibli, and Winter are also coming." Clay said.

"Where is everyone." Riptide asked.

"In the prey centre" Clay said, "But there's no prey."

"Reef, Dolphin" Tsunami said, "Come with mama."

"Yes" They both chirped.

Clay waited outside a little longer, and finally Lynx, Winter, and Qibli showed up. It had been so long that Peril brought him a goat to eat while he was there. When he greeted them and directed them inside he immediately got peril and went back to their cave watching the eggs.

"What should we name them." Peril asked.

"I don't think Mudwing parents usually name their dragonets." Clay said.

"They also don't raise them." Peril said, "So we're naming them."

"Well what were you thinking." Clay asked.

"I'm not sure." Peril said, "I was thinking maybe two mudwing names or two skywing names, then I thought what if they all look like mudwings. So long story short I think we should wait until they hatch."

"They're hatching." Clay said.

"No when they hatch." Peril said, after not hearing a response from Clay, she followed his gaze and saw that the first and biggest egg had cracked. "Clay"

"Peril" Clay said still looking at the egg.

"WHY ARE YOU STILL HEAR, GO TELL EVERYONE." Peril screamed.

Clay ran through the mountain, making his way back to the prey centre.

"It's hatching" Clay yelled running into the prey centre, before anyone could say anything to him, he turned around and started running back to the cave. He made it back in time before the egg had hatched and there were only a few more cracks than before. He sat down next Peril and before long his cave quickly filled up, with the jade winglet making their way to the front and the dagonets of destiny filling up the back and a little into the hall. The first egg starting cracking more and finally a little red amber dragonet fell out. *She* looked mostly like a skywing, with big wings, but Clay guessed she was abnormally large for her size. Clay could see a little bit of smoke rising from her scales, she went to crack the other eggs, like a true bigwings, but Clay held her back.

"What are you doing." Peril asked.

"What if she burns the eggs." Clay said.

"Won't the other eggs also be firescales" Peril said.

"Maybe, but if not wouldn't they be fireproof like you." Lynx pointed out.

"She's starting to get worried" Moon said.

"Who" Kinkajou asked.

"The dragonet." Moon said.

"I think she wants to crack the eggs." Qibli said.

"Fine" Clay said, setting his daughter down following her closely. She wobbled as she walked on the cold stone floor making her way to the second biggest egg. She cracked the egg with no burning whatsoever, and out came a brown, rusty red dragonet almost as big as the first one. *He* was built like a mudwing bulkier than his older sister. The first dragonet had made her way to the third egg and as she cracked it, it started to burn slightly Clay was about to pull her back as the third dragonet stretched *her* wings wide. Her scales were Scarlet, red like a skywing's with a hint of orange mixed in. Clay watched as the bigwings made her way to the final egg, the one that was almost smashed. As she touched the egg, it started to burn and Clay quickly pulled her back. The dragonet in his talons started squirming more and more, each moment the final egg didn't hatch.

"I think maybe you should help it." Turtle said.

"Okay" Peril said.

Clay reached over and with one talon gently tapped the egg, nothing happened for a moment. he tapped again harder and finally there was some moment within the egg. The little dragonet in the egg kicked, and pushed harder and harder until the shell split . A little copper coloured dragonet was sitting there. He was really small, smaller than a normal dragonet Clay thought.

"mrrwk." He said as Peril scooped him up into her arms.

"Could everyone give us some time" Clay asked

"except Turtle." Peril said.

"Why me" Turtle asked once everyone cleared the room, 'I can't do anything, I lost my power."

"You're more than just your magic" Clay said.

"Also I hope you brought your bowl." Peril said.

A/N This is the end of the second official year of Cleril, read my other stories they're connected, also to be continued.